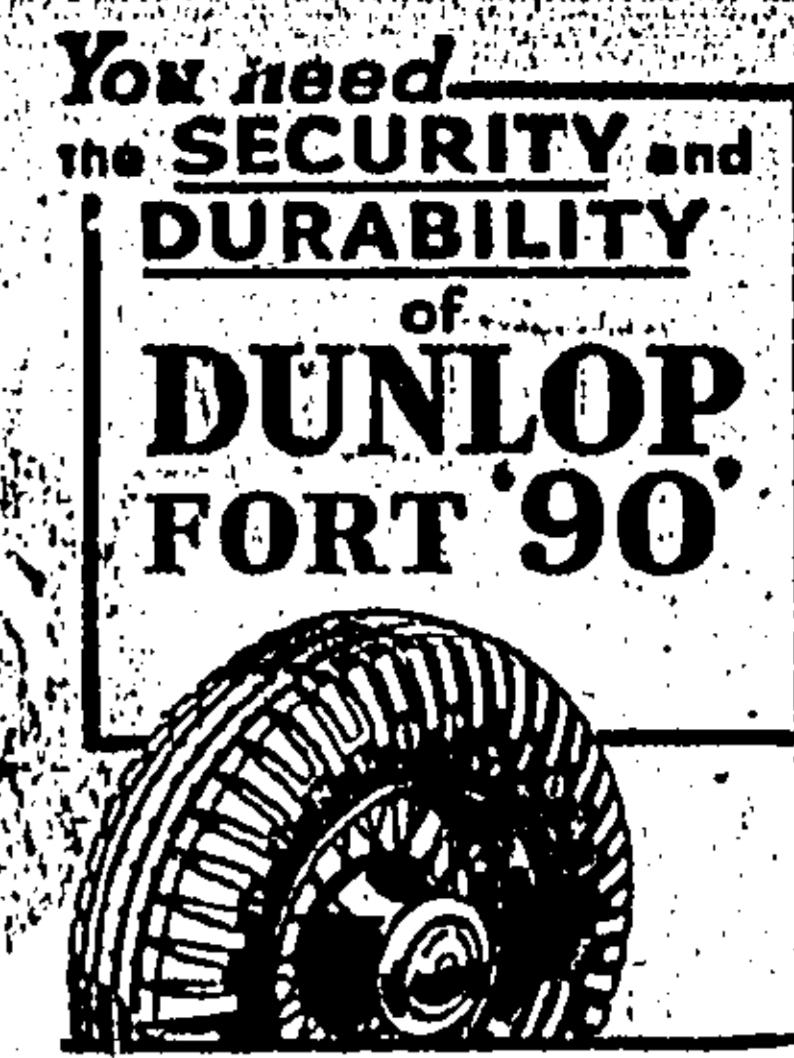


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CHIANG REFUSES REBELS' TERMS

Chang Pleads for Union With Soviet Russia

MEANWHILE LOYAL TROOPS HAVE SURROUNDED SIANFU

Nanking, Dec. 15.

It is announced that Sianfu, where General Chang Hsueh-liang has established himself and a strong body of troops, and where he holds Marshal Chiang Kai-shek captive, has now been completely surrounded by Government forces.

Aeroplanes dropped leaflets over the city this morning calling upon the rebels to surrender their captives, which include Marshal Chiang's chief staff officers.

Meanwhile, Mr. W. H. Donald, British adviser to Marshal Chiang, has returned from Sianfu. He denies the report that General Yan Hu-chen is leading a counter-revolt in Chang Hsueh-liang's camp and described a dramatic interview with Chang and Marshal Chiang himself.

In this interview Chang entreated Marshal Chiang to accept his proposals, particularly that for an alliance with Russia against Japan. Marshal Chiang, however, declared this was impossible at present.

Shortly after the interview, Mr. Donald telegraphed Nanking saying intensive negotiations would be necessary to secure the release of Marshal Chiang. The rebels were evidently determined to exploit their possession of so valuable a hostage in order to force the Government into concessions.

The danger is, said Mr. Donald, that the initiative may pass from Chang Hsueh-liang to the younger rebel officers, who might decide that general disruption of the country, which would follow the death of Marshal Chiang, would be more favourable than any other condition to the realisation of their aims.—Reuter.

Chiang Refuses Proposals

Tokyo, Dec. 16.
The Japanese Domel correspondent in Shanghai quotes the Central News Agency despatches of December 16 announcing that Mr. W. H. Donald, foreign adviser to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, had arrived at Loyang following a visit to Chang Hsueh-liang. He also saw Marshal Chiang, alive.

"There is no change in the condition of Chiang Kai-shek," said this authority.

Marshal Chiang refused various proposals urged upon him by Chang Hsueh-liang, asserting they must be submitted to the Kuomintang Congress.

This announcement contradicts all previous Domel reports.—United Press.

We presume that among the reports contradicted is that to the effect that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had been executed, together with other staff generals, at the hands of the rebels in Sianfu.—Ed.

Washington Shocked

Washington, Dec. 15.
The State Department lacks confirmation of the Domel News Agency report of the execution of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, but the rumour has startled and shocked officials here, causing fears of protracted confusion in China and possible widespread repercussions in the Far East, upon which the United States would look with serious concern, although she would continue her policy of non-intervention.

Confirmation of Marshal Chiang's death would cause genuine regret, due to the fact that he is regarded as a strong leader, fostering the unification and pacification of China.—United Press.

CONSIDER PORT FOR TELAVIV

London, Dec. 15.
Asked whether the Government proposed to take steps to provide a harbour for Tel Aviv, in Palestine, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, told the House of Commons to-day that the question was being considered by the Government in consultation with the High Commissioner of Palestine. At present, he said, he was unable to make a statement.—Reuter.

FREIGHTER ASHORE AT CASTLE PK.

EXPECTED TO FLOAT AT HIGH TIDE

DAMAGE NOT SERIOUS

The Norwegian steamer Promise, of 1,291 tons, is at present ashore at So Tun Pan, near Castle Peak, having grounded last night whilst on her way from Canton to Swatow with a cargo of coal.

The steamer, which is commanded by Captain Meling, is officered by Norwegians. She was built in 1920 for Messrs. H. M. Wrangell and Co., and her port of registry is Haugesund. Her local agents are Messrs. Karsten Larsen and Co.

On enquiry this morning it was learned that the steamer has not suffered any serious damage, and that it is expected that she will be re-floated at high water to-night.

Meanwhile, the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's tug Henry Keswick has left for the scene of the grounding.

Gangster and "Moll" Fight Police Army

New York, Dec. 15.
Thirty "G-men" and 150 police engaged in a gun battle with a gangster and his "moll" on the famous and exclusive Riverside Drive to-day.

Over 100 shots were fired and eventually the gangster and his woman companion were wounded and finally arrested.—Reuter Special.

GERMANY REQUIRES COLONIES

BRITAIN WARNED OF WAR'S COST

RIBBENTROP OUTSPOKEN

London, Dec. 15.
The solution of the Colonial question is in the interests of everyone in the long run, declared Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the new German Ambassador to London, strongly emphasising his argument when speaking at Grosvenor House to-night. It was his first speech to an English audience.

"Herr Hitler sees in the possession of colonies for the supply of raw materials, and in world trade, the two most essential means of raising the standard of life of Germans from the present subsistence level," he said.

Another Anglo-German conflict, another world war, would mean the inevitable victory of world revolution, and the rule of Bolshevism for generations, he added.

Herr von Ribbentrop regretted, he said, that the German Chancellor's repeated offers of disarmament, non-aggression pacts and other peace instruments had failed.

He was convinced, said this diplomatist, that the world would be unable to return to order and peaceful development as long as the destructive Communist ideas were effective.—Reuter.

Air Express Missing

LAST SEEN FIGHTING AGAINST STORM

Salt Lake City, Dec. 15.
A Western Air Express liner is ten hours overdue here, carrying four passengers and three of a crew on the run between Los Angeles and Chicago.

The machine was last seen in a storm above Millford, Utah, at 2.20 a.m. this morning.

Planes and trucks are checking the emergency landing fields and searching the rough terrain over which the liner's course lay.—United Press.

NAVAL TALKS

London, Dec. 15.
The Anglo-Turkish naval talks were continued to-day.—British Wireless.

DUKE MAY BUY ESTATE IN HUNGARY

Budapest, Dec. 15.
It is reported that the Duke of Windsor is negotiating for the acquisition of an estate at Lengyell, belonging to Count Zichy.

The estate is over 4,000 acres in extent and beautifully situated on the shores of Lake Balaton, 80 miles from Budapest.

It includes a castle and provides splendid shooting and golf.—Reuter Special.

RUBBER OUTPUT TO RISE

RESTRICTIONS ARE MUCH REDUCED

CONSUMPTION IS STRONG

London, Dec. 15.

The International Rubber Restriction Committee's announcement of a 75 per cent quota for the first quarter of 1937 and an 80 per cent quota for the following three months, has been accorded about the quietest reception ever experienced in the London rubber market, where prices subsequently eased slightly and then steadied up.

It is generally considered that what strength the market gained on the 75 per cent January—March roundabout, it about lost on the 80 per cent April—June swing. Consequently, it is difficult to take up any particular view on the future course of the market, which is expected to remain steady for some little time.

Though the decision of the control committee releases about 39,000 tons in the first quarter and 55,000 in the second quarter more than at present, it is generally held that consumption is running so well, especially in the United States, that it is unlikely to be overtaken by production.

Nevertheless, the decision probably means the appearance of complications while a new commodity is so tightly held.—Reuter.

H.M.S. Bruce left harbour this morning on her way home for refit and re-commissioning.

PREPARED TO GUARD STERLING

BANK OF ENGLAND'S TACTICAL MOVE

CITY CIRCLES CONFOUNDED

London, Dec. 15.

The City has been confounded by the Bank of England's large gold purchases, suddenly executed, amounting to £65,000,000, from the Equalisation Fund. And financial circles have been startled by the simultaneous issue of the fiduciary note issue by £60,000,000.

From a host of diverse opinions emerges the majority view that the action indicates the British authorities' belief that such pressure on sterling as may be experienced by the withdrawal of French funds and the possible remittance of the outflow of capital to Wall Street, could be countered by the Equalisation Fund's remaining vast gold holdings.

It is pointed out that a time when the underlying trend of sterling is firm is the most opportune for re-establishing the Fund's freedom of action, as after disposing of some of its gold holdings the Fund is better equipped to arrest the undesirable appreciation of sterling.

Questioned in this connection in the House of Commons, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, simply stated it had been decided to increase temporarily the gold held in the issue department of the Bank of England by £65,000,000. Such a step, by itself, would mean a very sharp expansion of the credit basis which was at present unjustified, he said. Therefore, the fiduciary issue had been reduced by £60,000,000.—Reuter.

BRITISH LOAN POLICY

London, Dec. 15.
His Majesty's Government has constantly in mind the desirability of securing removal of restrictions on foreign trade and of restrictions upon the movements of capital which interfere with foreign trade, declared the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons to-day.

He added figures of the United Kingdom imports showed there were fewer restrictions on trade with this country than elsewhere.

Answering a supplementary question suggesting that terms of reference of foreign transactions of the Advisory Committee recently set up to give guidance on foreign lending should be made flexible, Mr. Chamberlain said he thought the terms were very flexible. The embargo on lending to foreign countries did not apply where loans had a direct influence on increasing British Export Trade, he said.—British Wireless.

The storm which has raged over southern England since Sunday has blown itself out. Several villages are flooded, however, with a loss of lives, stock, and trains have been held up in many places due to the washing away of embankments and the collapse of trees.

Rainfall was almost an inch in 24 hours over most parts of the country and in some places three inches were recorded.—Reuter Special.

Gardeners On Strike; Paris Goes Hungry

Paris, Dec. 15.

Market gardeners have struck, and though the shortage of supplies of vegetables is not yet acute, the volume of incoming produce to-day is only ten per cent. of the usual quantity—and, for that food, with which steaks are garnished, Paris will go hungry.

The gardeners assert their strike is due to the fact that the cost of production is higher than the price paid by market dealers.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

GERMANS SUPPORT MOORS

IN FIERCE FIGHT IN SPAIN

BUT LOYALIST LINES HOLD

London, Dec. 15.

A fierce battle, which lasted over five hours, is reported to-day from the Boddilla del Monte sector, southwest of Madrid.

As a result, over 200 dead, besides many wounded, were left in the Government lines.

The attack was one of three launched by the insurgents in the Boddilla sector.

Moroccan troops, which recently arrived, carried out the attacks, supported by aircraft and a number of tanks.

It is claimed that the loyalists repulsed the attacks in every instance, inflicting heavy losses.—Reuter.

Great Damage By Storms

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The King will maintain the royal racing establishment and breeding stud of his father's time.—British Wireless.

PREDICTS BETTER BUSINESS

NOTED ECONOMIST STATES VIEWS BUT SAVANTS DON'T AGREE

Cleveland, Dec. 15.

Mr. Leonard Porter Ayres, political economist, predicts better business in 1937. He states that, despite world unrest and the threat of labour difficulties, "we are at present well along in the process of recovery, and the rest of the world is still further along."

Mr. Ayres predicts that the automotive industries will hold the leadership in 1937, and that there would be slight increases in wholesale and retail commodity prices as well as in the cost of living. It is unlikely, that inflation will develop in this country in 1937," he added. "Inflation does not develop in depressions, and, despite all the recoveries we have made, there is still a depression."—United Press.

CONTROLLED INFLATION

Professor Irving Fisher, political economist of Yale University, interviewed by United Press, stated: "The stage is set for a boom and inflation" in the United States. He urged that the Federal Reserve Board be granted greater powers to control the situation, saying the law creating the Board should be altered to permit of the raising of reserve requirements to an unlimited extent.

Mr. Fisher said inflation is possible in the United States, but added that the stage is set for the control of such tendencies." He said the Board could control a boom or inflation, firstly, by selling bonds or other assets, and by withdrawing money or credit from circulation; secondly, by raising the discount rates; thirdly, by raising the reserve requirements from member banks.—United Press.

MEDIATION PROPOSALS ACCEPTED

POWERS TO EXAMINE SUGGESTIONS

London, Dec. 15.

In a Parliamentary answer, the Foreign Secretary recalled the approach made by the British and French Governments to Germany, Italy, Portugal and Russia in favour of strict renunciation of foreign intervention of the Spanish Civil War and the joint offer of mediation, and said: "The replies of the four governments have now been received. The Government of Soviet Socialist Republics have given their support to the proposals, and the German and Italian Governments, whilst doubtful of the successful outcome of the proposals for mediation, have expressed their readiness to examine any proposals which other Governments may formulate, and to participate in their eventual realisation. The reply of the Portuguese Government, whilst indicating the difficulties foreseen by that Government, states that if both parties in Spain desire mediation they will be glad to study the form it should take."—British Wireless.

QUEEN IMPROVING IN HEALTH

London, Dec. 15.
It is officially stated that the influenza, from which the Queen is suffering, is taking its usual course. Her Majesty is making good progress towards recovery.

According to present arrangements the King and Queen and the young Princesses will go next week to Sandringham, where Queen Mary, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and other members of the Royal Family will join them for Christmas. It is understood that His Majesty's intention is, as far as possible, Sandringham and Sandringham shall be kept up in the same way as during his father's reign.

The King will maintain the royal racing establishment and breeding stud of his father's time.—British Wireless.

THAT WASP WAIST

*Is It Coming
Back
Again?*

by...
MARY GRACE



Empire bodice,
balloon sleeves
and flowing skirt
of this velvet frock
emphasise the slim waistline.

The smaller sketches
show the fashionable
tash on a new velvet
and taffeta frock and
a lame evening outfit
with nipped-in waistline
and bustle effect.

It is curious how fashions in figures change. One year we are all up and down as straight as a ruler, then before that season's outfit is worn out, the fashion makers come along and suggest we look like pouter pigeons or Gibson Girls again.

Fortunately, these changes do not take place all at once, so that we have time to settle down and wonder if we should really like wasp waists again.

Most dresses this year are definitely waisted, and although none of us will consider the discomfort of tight-lacing seriously, it is worth while considering how we can get that fashionable wasp waist look without suffering.

It's not difficult, this illusion of a small waist. Broaden the shoulders with sleeves; fit the bodice with a gentle curving line, raise the waist line an inch above its narrowest part at the back, princess fashion, gore the skirt out over the hips, and your waist will look inches smaller.

Graceful Fashion

It is a graceful, comely line, especially for evening wear, and a suggestion of a waist without undue emphasis on a long, full-skirted dress, as you see in the picture, is all well suited to the woman over forty as it is to the young girl in her late teens.

Another forty years ago fashion we can welcome back is a fitting for ribbons.

Stately dresses of velvet one sees necklines outlined with rosebud trimming made of ribbons, whilst strands of varicoloured ribbons, plaited or twisted, make most alluring sashes.

Gay Sashes

Sash ends I always think give a most graceful touch to a dance frock. They also give a note of gaiety which can be subdued or enhanced at very little personal expense.

For sobriety one can twist the dark colours together, whilst for more festive occasions a gold or scarlet note may be introduced.

Ribbon is not expensive, and its decorative scope is wide. Flowers, loops, bows and plaits can all be ribbon-made.

Can you make a

RISOTTO?

*Ambrose Heath
gives
full
directions*



RICE pudding and ordinary boiled rice with curry usually exhaust the average cook's repertory with rice.

Returned Anglo-Indian are often adepts with a pilau (or pilau, or pilaw; it depends upon your nationality how you spell it), but although we always welcome a risotto when we meet it at a restaurant, very few realise how easy it is to make one at home.

A light dish eminently suitable for a summer luncheon when the day is not too hot. It makes an admirable vegetable dish, too, when potatoes sometimes get a little dull; and it can be used quite by itself as an entree, or as an accompaniment to meat dishes, such as veal, lamb or mutton cutlets, sausages and so on.

It can also be made into a more substantial dish by the addition of mushrooms ham, tongue and so on.

IT must be remembered that the rice for a risotto must in every case first be fried, and it should not first be washed, or the frying will be difficult.

Onion also always accompanies a risotto, and as a general rule white stock is used for cooking it. It is made from a carcass of a roast chicken or ox-tail; otherwise a few scraps of veal and veal bones can be bought quite cheaply from the butcher.

NOW here is a simple risotto. The ingredients are: Five or six ounces of Carolina rice; two ounces of butter; a medium-sized onion finely chopped; a quart of white stock; three or four chopped mushrooms (which could be omitted) and about an ounce of grated cheese, Parmesan being the best.

Melt the butter in a frying-pan or saucepan, add the onion and let it fry until golden but not at all browned. Then add the rice and keep stirring with a wooden spoon for a couple of minutes, add the chopped mushrooms which you have tossed in a little butter and serve with more grated cheese handed.

VARIATIONS of this are as follows:

Add to the onion when you are frying it a little raw chopped beef marrow and add a glass of white wine to the stock before it is poured on to the fried rice. A little butter

should be added at the last minute with the cheese, if liked.

It is a good dish and often a novel one for one's friends who have long passed the rice-pudding stage. Try it on one next time she calls. It doesn't take long to make and you can't go wrong!

Now add a quart of the stock, boiling, let it come gently to the boil,

a glassful of sherry or marsala after

the rice has been fried, reduce this nearly to nothing and then add the stock.

A touch of grated nutmeg in the seasoning of all these risottos will improve them and the marrow is supposed to make the rice keep separate, apart from adding a subtle flavour.

A little saffron can also be added, so that the risotto assumes a beautiful yellow colour when it is dished up. And besides the mushrooms lightly-fried pieces of chicken's liver are a common addition to this pleasant dish; tomato sauce or puree must under it.

After seventeen minutes or so the rice should be done and the stock all absorbed. Now season with salt and pepper and add the grated cheese. Cook on very slowly, stirring all the time for two or three minutes, add the chopped mushrooms which you have tossed in a little butter and serve with more grated cheese handed.

But the principal things to remember are to see that the rice is cooked in stock (which is all absorbed by it in the cooking and so flavours it) that the rice is separate and not a soggy mass, and that the risotto is well and rather highly seasoned.

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Your flower is the white poppy and your lucky number is 2.

SWEET AND SAVOURY SOUFFLES

Eggs are a necessity for the making of a souffle, and just at present they are both cheap and plentiful.

A hot souffle may be either sweet or savoury and may be cooked by baking or by steaming. A souffle is a very light dish, and to make it successfully great care must be taken in the preparation, the cooking, and the dishing and serving. The freshest eggs should be used, and great care taken that the measurements are exact. The cooking should be very steady, whether in a steamer, or in the oven. Quick or fierce cooking will not be satisfactory. When turning out and dishing, be quick and dolt in the handling, and use hot dishes and spoons for serving. The application of cold will cause the souffle to fall quickly, and, consequently, toughen.

The steamed souffle should be turned out, but the baked souffle should be sent to table in the dish in which it has been cooked. If this dish is of fireproof clay, or of tin, fold a hot table napkin round. If of fireproof glass, stand in a suitable container, or on an entree dish.

Paper cases may also be used for the small individual cases if they are to be baked. To prepare a mould, always grease very well and, if to be turned out, place a piece of paper greased, and cut to the exact size, in the bottom. A piece of strong white paper should be folded round the outside, to raise about three inches above the top of the mould, and tied firmly with string. This provides for support when the souffle rises above the top of the mould. Also for steaming, a piece of paper, cut 1 inch larger all round, than the top of the mould, and well greased, should be prepared. This, placed on top when cooking, prevents the condensed steam from falling into the souffle. When steaming, the water should boil steadily and evenly, all the time the souffle is cooking, and do not disturb it until it has been cooking at least half an hour. The rising should be quite steady. Quick cooking will make the souffle coarse and spongy. The time for cooking varies, of course, with the depth of the mould.

When a souffle is turned out or removed from the oven, waste no time in serving it. There is always a certain amount of collapse, which is unavoidable, owing to the contact with the cooler atmosphere, but the more steadily it is cooked, the less the shrinkage.

For a baked souffle, the preparation of the mould is the same as for steaming, except that the pieces of paper for the top or bottom are not necessary. The oven heat should be brisk, but not fierce, and the time for cooking varies, according to the size and depth of the mould, but the average time is about 30 to 40 minutes for a reasonable souffle. If these directions are followed, the souffle should not present difficulties too great for the sensible housekeeper, and there should be no necessity to regard the cooking of a souffle with the amount of awe and diffidence that are usually given to this dish.

Vanilla Souffle
Ingredients: 10z. flour, 1½ butter, yolks of 8 eggs, whites of 4 eggs, 10z. sugar, 1 pt. milk, vanilla essence.
Method: Melt the butter in a saucepan, stir in the flour, off the fire. Cook slightly, then allow to cool. Add the milk, stir until boiling, then add the sugar and vanilla. Cool slightly, fold in the stiff-beaten whites of eggs. Pour into the prepared souffle mould and cover with greased paper. Steam, according to instructions for 30 to 35 minutes. Take out to cool and serve immediately with a suitable sauce.

Custard Souffle
Ingredients: 2 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 cup milk, 4 eggs.
Method: Scald the milk in a double saucepan, or add it gradually to the boiling milk. Stirring all the time and cook well for 5 minutes. Strain and add the sugar together. Pour on to the milk and flour mixture, stirring constantly. Stand aside to cool, then fold in the stiff-beaten whites. Fold in the beaten egg yolks and bake for about 2½ hours. Serve immediately with a suitable sauce.

Fruit Souffle
Ingredients: Any kind of fruit may be used, either fresh, cooked, or preserved. If preserved, stewed, drain from the syrup before using.

Method: Rub 1 cupful of fruit pulp through a sieve. Sweeten to taste and make a custard.

Fold in the stiff-beaten whites of eggs. Pour into a greased fireproof glass pie-dish. Stand in a dish of hot water, and bake in a moderate oven until set and slightly browned. Serve from the oven.

Prune Souffle
Ingredients: 18 to 20 large soft prunes, 6 tablespoons castor sugar, whites of 6 eggs. Soak the prunes in water for 24 hours or if soft, do not soak. Cook the prunes in water to just cover them, until tender. Drain away the liquor, stone the prunes, and beat or mash them. Blend the prunes with 6 eggs, sugar, and castor sugar, and beat well. Then add the prune pulp and beat in well. Pour into a fireproof glass pie-dish and stand in a dish of water. Bake about 20 minutes, or until set. Immediately it is taken from the oven, with a custard made from the yolks of eggs.

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Widows Lead the Way MORE CHANCES OF MARRIAGE

Widows between the age of 35 and 55 have more chance of marriage than spinsters of the same age, and a bigger proportion of widowers marry between the ages of 25 and 55 than bachelors.

These are among the facts revealed in the official commentary of the Registrar-General in his statistical review for 1934 published by the Stationery Office (3s. 6d.).

Other striking facts are:

Fewer men under the age of 21 married in 1934 than for many years past.

The number of divorces—4,297—was higher than in any previous year, and the number of divorced persons who remarried—5,545—was also a record.

The birth-rate of 14.8 per 1,000 population is lower than that of any other countries except Austria and Sweden.

The average age of the population has increased from 29.5 years in the case of men in 1921 to 32.4 years in 1934 and for women from 31.2 to 31.2 years.

SUMMER BABIES LUCKIER

Summer-born babies have a greater chance of survival than those born in winter.

"There is," says the report, "a considerable disadvantage in survival at the end of the second year for children born in the winter months compared with those born at other seasons."

"Despite the fact that each group of children has, by the end of two years from birth, been twice exposed to a complete round of the seasons, out of each 1,000 children born in four winters an average of 89 died within two years, whereas out of each 1,000 born in summer only 75 died."

During the first year of life the mortality rate of winter-born babies is 14 per cent. in excess of summer-born, and in the second year it is 42 per cent.

MOTHERS' DEATH-RATE

The rate of mortality for mothers during 1930-32 was for all married women 4.13 per 1,000 live births. For those classes comprising wives of men in professions and allied occupations the rate was 4.44; for the wives of those defined as skilled and semi-skilled workers it was about the average; while for the wives of unskilled workers it was 3.89.

The standardised rate of combined mortality from angina pectoris and degenerative diseases of the heart and arteries has risen continually during the last 15 years.

It is thought to be caused by the attaining to ages of 50-65 of a population of men, not only inferior in average physique owing to elimination of the fittest during 1914-18, but one which was subjected during those years to abnormal stress.

WALT DISNEY TAKING TWO YEARS TO MAKE HIS BIGGEST PICTURE

Mr. Walt Disney, creator of Mickey Mouse and the Silly Symphonies, has now been engaged for a year on the biggest picture of his career and it will take another year to complete.

It is "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," his first feature film.

Mr. George Kamen, Mr. Disney's European representative, who has just returned to London from Hollywood, says:

"Mr. Disney has promised that 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' will be finished by September or October, 1937."

"I heard most of the music in Mr. Disney's office. A loud speaker was connected to the sound stage of the studio.

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"A new camera which has been built into the studio produces effects in the way of lighting and depth that have never before been possible.

Each dwarf has his own particular and peculiar form. The film will run for 75 to 90 minutes.

"When it was originally decided to do the picture a budget of £50,000 was set. When I left it was set at £150,000, but Mr. Disney assured me that it would be impossible to finish the picture at less than £200,000.

"The picture should be the biggest revolution in film technique since talkies began.

"There will be close on 200,000 drawings. None of the characters is human—they are all cartoon.

"It is possible that Mr. Disney will come to London for the opening."

Cancer Diagnosed In Error

Man Who Would Have Had Right To Die

A wrong diagnosis and the proposed "right to die" were discussed at an inquest at Blackburn recently on John Shackleton, aged 55, an iron moulder, of Hodder-street, Blackburn, who died suddenly on Tuesday.

Mrs. Shackleton said that her husband had been in poor health since leaving the Army 10 years ago. In 1921, when in hospital, it was decided that he had a cancer which could not be operated upon.

Dr. Bailey, who conducted a post-mortem examination, attributed death to double septic pneumonia, and said that there was no cancer and never had been.

He said that there had been a lot of discussion in the Press recently on the subject of euthanasia and the suggested right of incurables to be painlessly put to death. If the suggestion had been legalised, Shackleton, in whom cancer had been diagnosed, would have been one of those who would have had the right to die.

The Coroner (Mr. T. R. Thompson) said that it was absolutely ridiculous to talk of the right to die. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

Boy Who 'Got No Letters' Is Birched

Weymouth, Dec. 5. SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD GEORGE ALEXANDER WESTERN, who "never got letters like other boys," wept at a court-martial in the naval depot ship Titania to-day.

A pitiable story was told of his discovery that the mother he had never known was in a mental hospital.

The youth has the rank of "Boy" in the battleship Nelson, flagship of the Home Fleet at Portland.

Simple, Childlike

The Nelson's chaplain, the Rev. D. Blunt, said he had come to the Navy from school, and when he joined had asked that inquiries should be made to see if his mother was alive.

"I learned," said the chaplain, "that his mother and brother were in mental homes, and that his sister was at a training home for mental defectives. But I did not tell him, because it would have had bad effect, I thought, on such a simple, childlike person."

"Then he learned from his sister, and he told me he wanted to go to his mother. The boy was very thrilled to learn that he had a mother, but when he returned I noticed a dreadful disillusionment in him. It must have been a terrible shock to find that his mother was in a mental hospital."

"Laughed At Me"

"From that day I noticed a deterioration in his character. He did not care what became of him."

Western, his voice broken, told the naval officers sitting on the court: "People have always laughed at me because of my smallness, and at times I found myself not caring what I did. I never got any letters like other boys, and I seem to have no one to think of."

He was found guilty with another boy of a serious offence on board the ship. Both were ordered 12 strokes of the birch.



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Hongkong, 15th December, 1936.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter.

	May	July	Sept.	Total sales:
New Cotton	10.14 / 14	10.82 b/84a		
Chicago Corn	10.07 / 07	10.77 / 77		
March	10.43 / 44	12.32 / 32		
May	10.32 / 32	12.22 / 22		
July	12.19 / 20	12.11 / 12		
October	11.80 / 82	11.72 / 73		
Spot	13.03	12.02		
New York Rubber	10.10a	10.81n		
Dec.	10.20 / 21	10.91 / 03		
Monday's sales:				
60,500,000 bushels.				
Chicago Wheat	100% / 100%	107% / 108		
May	103% / 103%	102% / 102%		
July	99% / 100%	97% / 97%		
Chicago Corn	105% / 100	104% / 104%		
May	102% / 102%	100% / 101		
Winnipeg Wheat	115% / 115%	120% / 120%		
May	110% / 117	121% / 121%		
Total sales:	4,680 tons.			
10 Commodity Index	77.87	77.79		

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

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Chicago Wheat

Dec. 100% / 100%

133% / 133%

May 120% / 120%

120% / 120%

July 117% / 117%

117% / 117%

Monday's sales: 60,500,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

Dec. 100% / 100%

103% / 103%

May 99% / 100%

97% / 97%

Chicago Corn

May 105% / 100

104% / 104%

July 102% / 102%

100% / 101

Winnipeg Wheat

Dec. 115% / 115%

120% / 120%

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET STRONGER YESTERDAY

New York, Dec. 15.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's markets.—The market today was firm and moderately active, featured by the demand for steel issues. Railroad stocks were quietly steady; price movements in utility and aviation securities were narrow; mail-order shares advanced, led by Sears Roebuck, due to the \$2.50 per share extra dividend declared by this company. Railway-equipment stocks firmed; farm shares were mixed. Many new high levels were reached, but some leading issues lost fractionally. Both the bonds market and stocks on the Curb Exchange were irregularly higher.

S. C. & F. New York office cables: Stocks: The market continues to reflect good business news and we look for higher prices. Zinc prices to-day advanced by 10 points. Business failures during the past week totalled 164 as compared with 162 failures the previous week. Demand deposits in Federal Reserve Member Banks amounted to \$15,488,000,000, against \$15,404,000,000 the previous week.

Cotton: The possibility of the release of Government stocks and declining exports are working against the market, tending to increase profit-taking. "Spot" demand is easier. Inflation talk is again heard.

Wheat: The consensus of opinion is that, while the market is in a strong position, caution is advisable with regard to buying on sharp advances as technical reactions are probable. Italian purchases continue.

Corn: The trade expects an increase in country offerings at the present level of prices. The cash position is slightly easier.

Rubber: The quota increase of 5 per cent for the first quarter of 1937 and 10 per cent for the second quarter indicates that all exports for the first half of 1937 will be permissible over the second half of 1936. It is believed that an increase in consumption is possible and that war reserves would be absorbed, especially in the immediate future.

S. C. & F. Wall Street Journal morning comment—Many traders prefer a quietish grain market before resuming an actively bullish position in stocks. Traders who are interested in building stocks are becoming more bullish regarding these issues. Bulls believe that many of the predictions of a business recession in the early part of 1937 are overdone.

REUTER QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages Dec. 14, Dec. 15, 30 Industrials 181.97 181.07 20 Railways 54.82 55.00 20 Utilities 35.61 35.29 40 Bonds 105.50 105.61 11 Commodity Index 77.87 77.79

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Christmas Advertising

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BUT IS READY TO NEGOTIATE

Paris, Dec. 15. Acting Secretary of State Moore announced to-day the creation of a special division to handle Philippine affairs, headed by Mr. Joseph E. Jacobs, veteran service official with long experience in the Far East, particularly China.

Co-operating with the Division for Far Eastern Affairs, the new division will bring under one head all questions of American-Philippine relations arising from the result of the Independence Act, including commerce, economics and the foreign relations of the islands.

Paris, Dec. 15. M. Georges Bonnet, former Finance Minister, has officially accepted M. Leon Blum's invitation to act as a special Ambassador at Washington for six months; in order to negotiate for the resumption of War Debt payments. It is planned to begin discussions in this matter with the United States in January.

M. Bonnet's acceptance followed soundings of Parliament, which disclosed that much former hostility to the renewal of payments had disappeared.—United Press.

CHRISTMAS RECESSION

London, Dec. 15. The House of Commons, which will adjourn on Friday for the Christmas recess, will meet again on January 10. The usual weekly meeting of the Cabinet will be held to-morrow. It is expected that the Prime Minister will afterwards go to Chequers for a few days. He will leave London next Tuesday for a fortnight's Christmas holiday in Worcestershire.—British Wireless.

London, Dec. 15. His Majesty the King will continue to maintain a racing establishment stud on the same lines as his father, and he will similarly keep up, as far as possible, Balmoral and Sandringham.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

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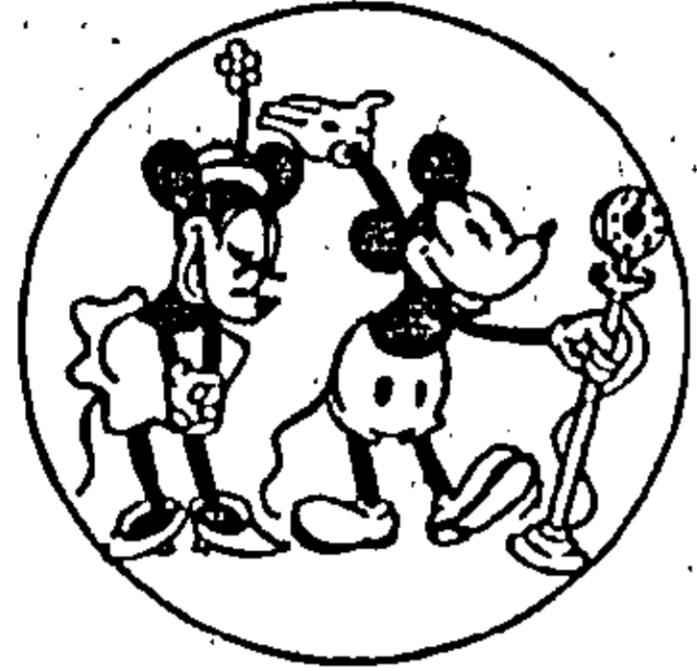
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CINEMA NOTES

The imaginings of to-day become the inventions of to-morrow. "Fulton's Folly" developed into a transatlantic steamer and afterward into a de luxe ocean liner. Balloons, deemed insanitary a little more than a century ago, have evolved into dirigibles which fly across the Atlantic. Present day scientists have actually experimented with rockets. In this year 1936, an attempt having been made to hitch gliders behind rockets in a mall carrying test. Experiments are continuing in this direction, even as these words are being read. Nothing, however, has been tried in the way of reaching other planets, as Flash Gordon does in his journey to Mongo, a mythical planet ruled by Ming. Flash, hero of a thousand half-breadth escapes in Alex Raymond's newspaper strip, has not only made his way in a rocket ship to the planet of Mongo, but to the imaginative realms of Almond as well. He and his companions will be seen in Universal's screen play "Flash Gordon," which is at the Queen's Theatre to-day. Harking back to other imaginative stories, Flash Gordon is a blundering spirit of the leading figures in H. G. Wells' tales of adventure in strange spheres, such as "The Time Machine," "War of the Worlds," "First Men in the Moon," and "In the Days of the Comet."

In "Romeo and Juliet," showing to-day at the King's Theatre, the loom of the great Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, with its array of creative personalities, has brought forth a work of expression embellished with elements of appeal, with mingled charm and thrill, that demonstrate again the motion picture as the dominant art—the best medium of narration, re-creation that has yet evolved. The perennial modernity of the love theme, and the curious capacity of the screen to make all that ever was in any yesterday a living event of to-day and now, has never been more acutely exemplified than in this "Romeo and Juliet." Care and thought devoted to the production through long months of preparation and after the shooting started are reflected in every department. The music score by Herbert Stothart is rich, sympathetic and effective. The dialogue, departing only slightly and altogether judiciously from the text of the play, retains in full measure the deft imagery of the playwright. Setting, costumes and photography plainly manifest the time and money expended upon them. Performances by the principals shoulder each other for mention. Norma Shearer's Juliet is warmly real and Leslie Howard's Romeo compares more than favourably with any of his justifiably famous previous portrayals. John Barrymore's Mercutio amply confirms advance reports of its excellence and Basil Rathbone's proud, ruthless Tybalt is a sound, dramatically powerful characterization. Ralph Forbes, C. Aubrey Smith, Violet Kemble Cooper, Edna May Oliver and Henry Kolker are others who distinguish themselves in the picture.

"Little Miss Marker"
If you are one of those myriad millions who subscribe to the oft-quoted aphorism about good things coming in small packages, you should go to the Majestic Theatre, where Dalton Runyon's "Little Miss Marker," is now showing. This particular good thing's name is Shirley Temple. Although she's barely five and weighs little more than forty pounds, we'll wager that you never before saw so much personality, such direct straightforward and admirable acting as this divinely dimpled little charmer lends to her role in a whimsical and vastly entertaining chronicle of a little-known Broadway. Topping the cast are the suave and intrepid Adolphe Menjou; gorgeous Dorothy Dell, who made her motion picture debut in "Wharf Angel," and such seasoned performers as Charles Bickford, Lynne

RADIO BROADCAST

Flute Solo—Fantaisie Caractéristique (Andersen)... Edith Penville; Vocal—When evening's twilight (Hatton)... Sweet and low (Tennyson—Barbry)... The Salisbury Singers; Bands—Steadfast and true (Teke, arr. Bigood)... Grand Massed Brass Bands; Bands—Minstrel Memories (arr. Rimmer); Awayside Sanctuary—Idyll (MacKenzie)... Grande Massed Brass Bands; Vocal—Annie Laurie (Trad.; arr. Hatten)... Heddle Nash and Male Quartette; Band—Blaze away March (Holzmann)... Columbia German Band.

8.30 p.m. Troise and His Mandolins, with Don Carlos.

9.30 p.m. News and Announcements.

9.20 p.m. From the Studio—Music Light and Gay.

Mary Gray (mezzo-soprano), Olga Morgan (Piano), Prue Lewis (Violin) and Gaston d'Aquino (Tenor).

10 p.m. Big Ben.

10.30 p.m. Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Reminiscences of Grieg (arr. Urbach); Suite Orientale (Poppy); Faust-Jumping Jack (Heykens); Standchen (Heykens); Columbine's rendezvous (Heykens); Song of Paradise (King).

10.30 p.m. Dance Music.

11 p.m. Close Down.

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GHE	11,765 k.c.	23.23 metres
GSP	12,140 k.c.	19.82 metres
GHI	12,140 k.c.	19.82 metres
GSH	12,470 k.c.	15.37 metres
GSI	12,620 k.c.	13.67 metres
GRJ	12,540 k.c.	19.45 metres
GSI	12,540 k.c.	19.45 metres
GSH	12,510 k.c.	19.76 metres
GSP	12,510 k.c.	19.80 metres

Transmission 1

(G.S.B., G.S.I.)

4 p.m. Big Ben, Quentin MacLean, at the Organ of the Frederico Cinema, Edinburgh and Gothic, London.

7.15 p.m. Foreign Affairs.

7.30 p.m. Dance Music.

7.45 p.m. "Nerves" and "Anniversary," with Dan Carlos.

8 p.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 8.15 p.m.

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8 p.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 8.15 p.m.

9 p.m. Violin Recital by Douglas Campbell.

Transmission 3

(G.S.B., G.S.I.)

10 p.m. Big Ben, A Recital by Anne Governor (Alhambra);

10.15 p.m. "Farewell Kitchen";

10.30 p.m. The Northern Ireland Brass Band.

11.30 p.m. Harry Hoppe's Party.

12.15 a.m. Dance Music.

12.30 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 12.45 a.m.

12.30 a.m. The Western Brothers (Kenneth and George).

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"THERE ISN'T TIME!"

(Continued from Page 6.)

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Those Americans, who had reduced time-saving to such a fine art, were typical of their generation. By not wasting a minute anywhere they were probably able to see our country in two weeks, all Europe in two months, and the whole world in less than a year. And by the end of that time they would know less about the world than they could have learnt by sitting quietly at home and reading Stevenson and a few other writers for whom the present generation has "no time."

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"Back To Nature"

North, South, East and West, the happy, scrappy Jones Family travel the trail-to-adventure-and-romance in "Back to Nature," new Twentieth Century-Fox hit which is showing to-day at the Alhambra Theatre.

Featuring Jed Prouty, Shirley Deane, Dixie Dunbar, Tony Martin, Spring Byington, Kenneth Howell, George Ernest, June Carlson, Florence Roberts and Billy Mahan, "Back to Nature" is the riotous story of the Joneses on a vacation—a vacation more thrilling, more exciting, and more riotous than your own. James Thirlby directed the film, with Max Golden associate producer, Robert Ellis and Helen Logan wrote the screen play, an original story based on the characters created by Katherine Kavanaugh.

The old miser used to live in squalor in order that they might save every possible penny. But as they never spent their money it was of no use to them and they might as well not have saved it. We live at break-neck speed in order that we may save every possible minute. And we never stop to think that if we do not make wise use of the time thus saved it is no more use to us than gold was to the misers.

What is the good of reducing the time taken over a journey unless we can make some profitable use of the time we save? And where is the sense of saying, "There isn't time for it in these days?" If there isn't time for a thing in these days, when was there ever time for it?

Robert Manning

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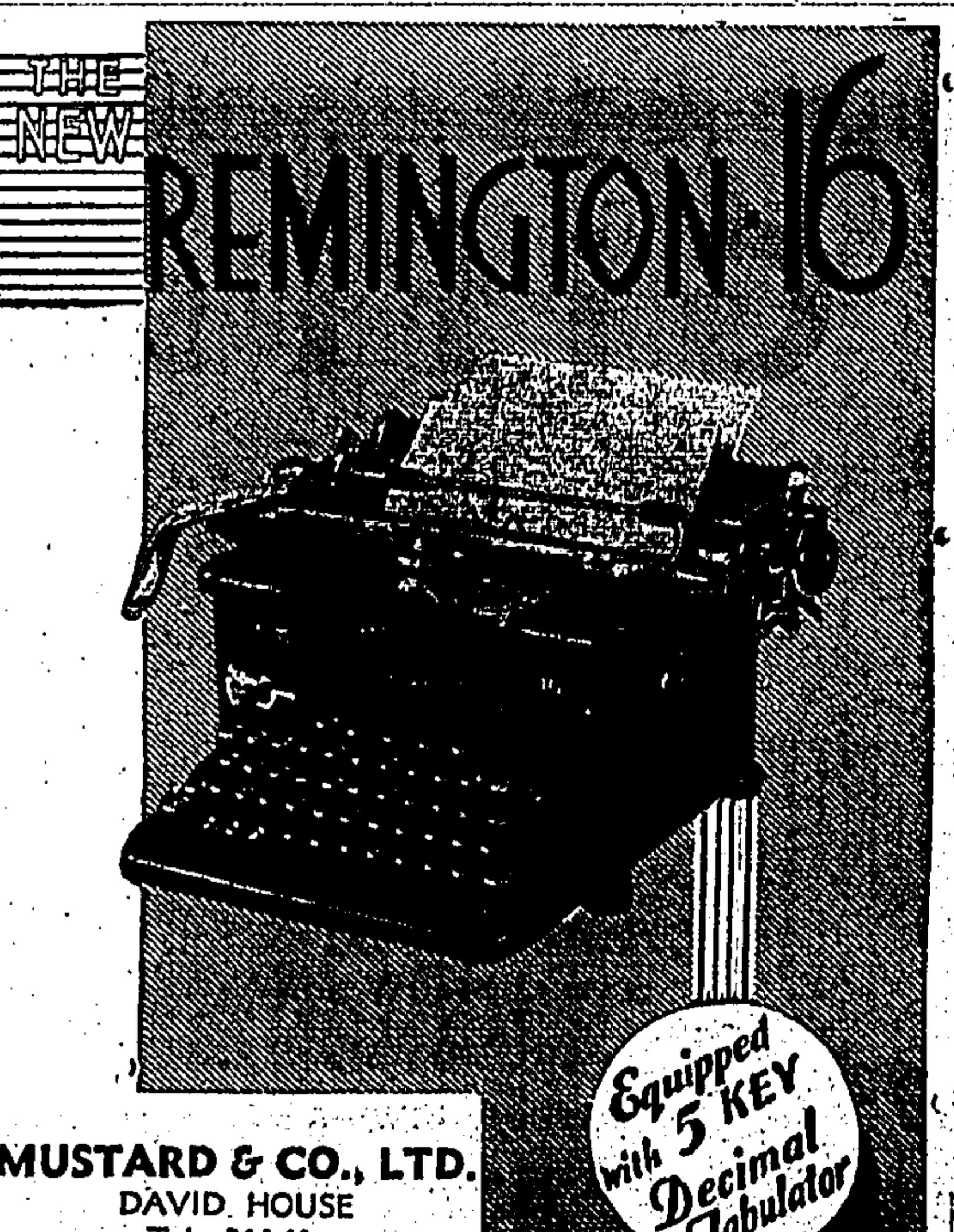
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DEATH.

GARCIA.—At the French Convent Hospital, at 2.15 a.m. on December 10, 1936, Consuelo Margarida Garcia, aged 28 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1936

COLONY'S POVERTY PROBLEM

The magnitude of the task confronting charitable organisations in helping to relieve the lot of the poor and needy is strikingly illustrated in the annual report of the Society for the Protection of Children, the main features of which we published yesterday. The record for the past year shows that the Society dealt with far more cases than ever before in its history. Indicative of the value placed upon its work is the fact that during the year there were over 30,000 calls made at the Society's branches, whilst more than 3,000 visits to the homes of the poor were made by inspectors. It is impossible, by mere figures, to give any real impression of the deadweight of poverty which the Society's workers encounter, but some idea of how the poor subsist can be gathered from the fact that the average income per head per month of cases dealt with last year was \$1.73. This figure would be even more startling still if the record were confined to those actually assisted, as there are numbers of cases in which relatively well-to-do mothers call at the branches for advice. Actually, there were over 300 cases in which the families had no income at all. It is impossible within the confines of a brief article to touch on many aspects of the Society's work, which have a counterpart in that of other similar bodies. But there are two facts which deserve emphasis. The first is that there is no home for crippled children in Hongkong, and none for blind boys. Even for the treatment of children's complaints generally, the normal hospital accommodation in the Colony is totally inadequate. In such circumstances, there is no resisting the conclusion drawn that many children are compelled to place their only hope of survival in begging, either independently or for those who exploit them. The situation is one which cannot be viewed with complacency. A new difficulty is now being encountered by the decision to restrict hawkers' licences, hitherto a medium through which charitable bodies could find work for the deserving. The inevitable result is to increase the calls on these organisations. It is to be admitted that the establishment of a system of poor law relief would be a tremendous undertaking, but, in view of the resolve to reduce hawking to the eventual point of elimination, the authorities might well

● His Excellency the Governor has suggested that the clock should be advanced half-an-hour in Hongkong, as a "daylight saving" measure. A contributor presents, in this article, some of the difficulties which would be encountered.

"TIME" is the "measurable aspect of duration" and to primitive peoples was most effectively demonstrated by the rising and setting of the sun, and the phases of the moon; to this day Calendars on the basis of the lunar month are in use among the nations of the world.

The day is, however, the fundamental unit in all systems of timekeeping and is the period during which the earth rotates once upon its axis. The "Julian" date, which is used in some astronomical calculations, is expressed in this unit exclusively and is the number of days from 4713 B.C., January 1st.

HAVING postulated the importance of the day as the unit of time-keeping, consideration must be given to the manner in which it is employed throughout the world. A revolution of the earth upon its axis is marked by successive periods of light and darkness in any particular place, and if the surface of the earth as a whole is considered, it follows that simultaneously one half is in darkness and the other is illuminated.

The majority of mankind toils during the bright hours and sleeps during the hours of darkness, and in consequence it has become customary to regulate waking actions by the sun or in what is known as local time.

Although local time necessarily varies to the extent of 24 hours in a journey round the world, no exception can be taken to its use by an isolated community, but with the establishment of communications over large distances, by ships, railway trains and aircraft, uniformity of time over considerable areas is essential to smooth working of transport and the facilitation of commerce.

In the various almanacs will be found the means by which this has been accomplished, i.e., by dividing the circumference of the earth into 24 equal parts and employing the same time throughout the zone thus demarcated. Each zone is a definite number of hours in advance of, or behind Greenwich time.

The extent of a zone is such that places on the eastern edge lost half an afternoon daylight and gain half an hour in the morning. At the western extremity the opposite conditions prevail, and only in the centre of the zone does standard time correspond with the local mean time.

HONGKONG is situated near the western extremity of the zone in which the time of the 120th meridian is adopted, and in consequence has permanently advanced the clock by approximately 23 minutes.

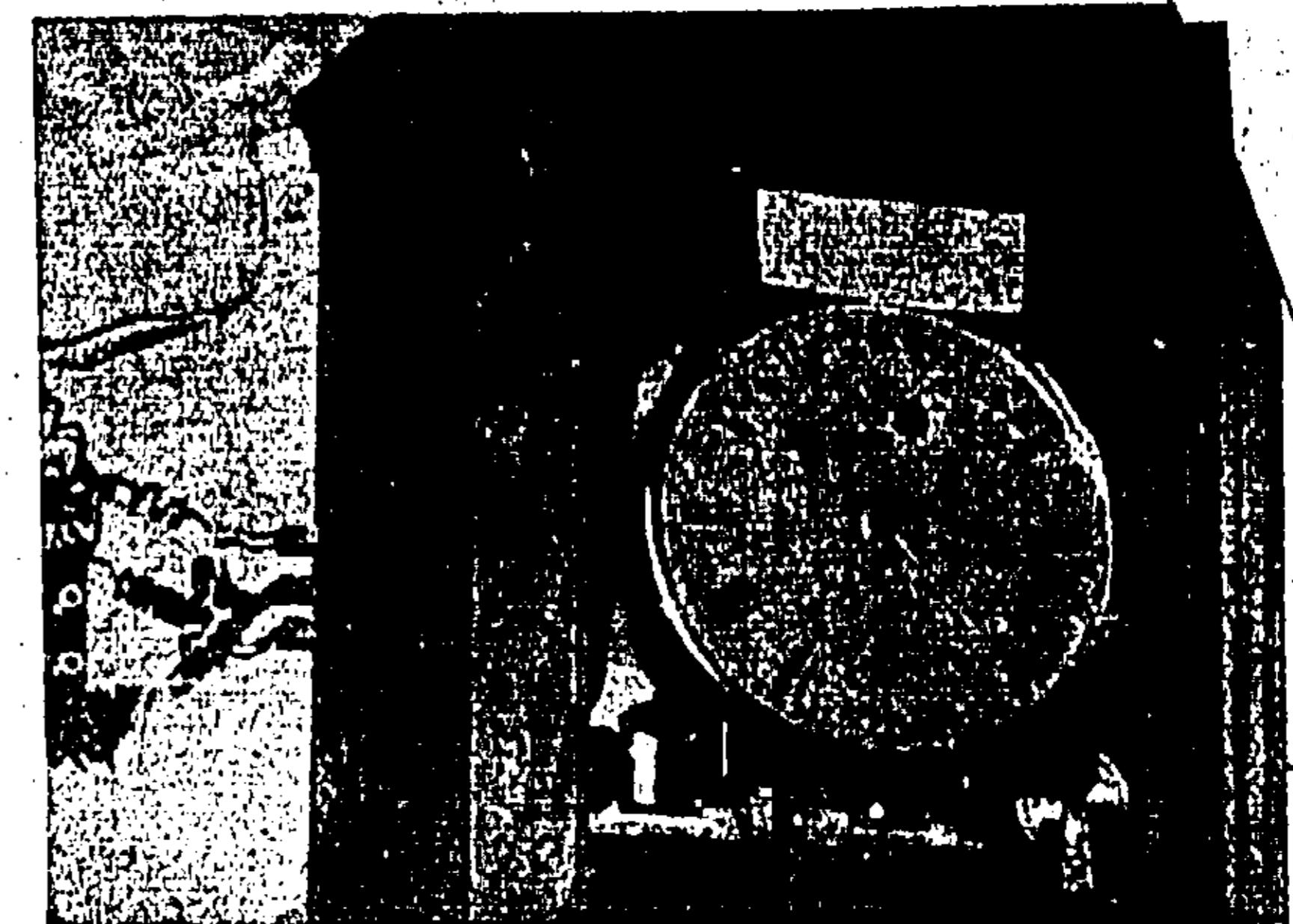
The time used is actually 8 hours in advance of Greenwich Mean Time and it must here be noted that Greenwich Mean Time is standard time of reference for the world, is extensively quoted in a multitude of official notices, and is so much in evidence nowadays that it is a great convenience to remember that the time in a district differs from Greenwich Mean Time by a definite number of hours.

The proposal now before the Hongkong community is that the clock should be permanently advanced half an hour in order that additional daylight should be available for sport.

The term "daylight saving" is a misnomer, as any system of time-keeping which gives extra in the evening curtails the daylight of the morning.

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This Mean Time Clock at the Royal Observatory keeps correct time for the Colony of Hongkong.

Are we too primitive for daylight saving?

be more extensively utilised, but there is only one way to accomplish it and that is by commencing work or play earlier.

To return to the case of the isolated community: there is no reason why such a community should not be a law unto itself in matters of time-keeping, but a community having commercial relations with its neighbours would be wise to synchronise its working hours with them.

If it does not, either by means of altering the clock face or by utilising different working hours, some commercial dislocation is inevitable. The Colony is struggling to emerge from a depression, and those to whom the struggle is of greatest moment will probably be loth to see the community placed at the smallest disadvantage with its neighbours.

THE avowed object of the projected change is sport—a term which comprises amusement, pastimes, games, etc., but in the consideration of this upon the player himself. The question, it may be taken to denote those games necessitating daylight for their successful prosecution, examples of which are bowls, cricket, football, golf, hockey and lawn tennis. Bowls is usually indulged in during the summer months when more time is available. It is impossible to play a cricket match without encroaching upon working hours, while upon Sunday, the time available for play rests upon the player himself. The first train leaves Kowloon before 7 a.m. and there is nothing to

utilise it; in fact older members of the Golf Club must have pleasant recollections of days spent at Fanling in congenial company under these conditions.

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"THERE isn't time for it in these

days." Have you ever realised the absurdity of those oft-repeated words? I did not realise it until I heard them spoken in an aeroplane travelling at 200 miles an hour.

The speaker on that occasion was a business man who makes great use of aeroplanes. He had been telling me exactly how many hours a week he saved through travelling by air, and from that he went on to discuss the progress made in methods of travel during the last hundred years. When he said something about the old stage-coaches I happened to mention Charles Dickens.

"Dickens," said my time-saving companion, "I haven't read any of his stuff since I left school. It's too long-winded; there isn't time for it in these days."

He did not notice that he was uttering an absurdity. After boasting that he was saving three hours on a two-hundred mile journey he had confessed that he had no time to read books for which his grandfathers had plenty of time. He saw nothing strange in the fact that, with every modern means of travel at his disposal, he still had less leisure than the slow-moving Victorians.

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Saved—Then Wasted

He was not alone. Most of us

share his enthusiasm for modern time-saving methods, and we likewise share his inability to make use

of the time saved. In learning how

The Price We Pay For Speed

to save time we have all forgotten how to spend it.

We fly, we drive fast cars, we

telephone and cable, we broadcast,

we have newspapers printed in such

a way that the news can be gleaned

from the headlines in a few moments,

we have quick-lunch counters, we

listen-in to operas, night plays, and

sporting events instead of going to

see them, we read "Outlines" which

condense the knowledge of the ages

into a few chapters, we have a

hundred thousand devices all un-

known a century ago and all devoted

to the same purpose—the purpose

of saving time. And the more time

we save the less time we have in

which to do anything worth while.

Few of us have time to read any-

thing but the lightest and shortest

of novels; anything else is, as my

time-saving friend said of Dickens,

too long-winded. We have no time

to read the newspapers; we just skim

through the headlines and the one

or two columns that attract our

attention.

We have no time to master the

piano or the violin; we have to get

our music ready-made from the

wireless set or the gramophone. And

in this way we get so much music

that we cannot understand any of it.

I once heard of two Americans who were "seeing Britain." Arriving at a famous old abbey, one of them looked at his watch and said to his companion, "We can only spare

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Fokker's "Battle Cruiser"

Changes All The Old Ideas About Air Fighting

THE FLYING EGG BOMBER, FIGHTER, INTERCEPTOR

By VICTOR BURNETT,

IN 1915 a young Dutchman changed the world's ideas of war in the air.

He invented a device that enabled a machine-gun to fire through the propeller.

The day he invented it real air warfare began. Round his device small, manoeuvrable, high-speed single-seaters were built.

The young Dutchman's name was Anthony Fokker. The new idea he brought stood unchanged through the years. Fighters were faster, more efficient, more expensive—but in principle they were the same.

Last week the entire aviation world saw that its ideas had to be changed. Anthony Fokker's latest warplane was responsible. For the second time the Dutchman had changed military ideas.

The machine is called the *Seythe*. And it is "the most deadly instrument that ever flew."

HIDDEN BOMBS

It looks like a sharp ended winged egg, with two fuselages supporting the tail. An engine is on each wing. Its wheels fold up into the engine cases when it is flying.

Hidden in its streamlined body are 1,000 pounds of bombs.

The pointed tail is a battleship gun turret, worked automatically, with the gun able to fire at any angle.

And in its rounded nose are two quickfires, with magazines of 100 explosive shells. Just one of these shells would blast an aircraft to pieces. Above these cannons are two machine-guns.

SPEED 300 M.P.H.

There is room in the fuselage for complete radio equipment and photographic apparatus. The crew consists of pilot and gunner. The speed is 300 miles an hour. The range exceeds 1,000 miles.

The *Seythe* is an air battle cruiser. It can do anything. Instead of a series of fast fighters, with short ranges, being sent out in intervals to intercept a raid, squadrons of these machines can patrol over segments of a circle, at varying heights. It is a real interceptor.

In Paris, at the aviation exhibition every one was asking which air force the *Seythe* was intended for. I can answer that question.

The Royal Dutch Air Force will be equipped with them first.

Correspondence

CHURCH AND THE CROWN

Your correspondent, Mr. M. Thomas, admirably expresses the feelings of many of us in this Colony and elsewhere. We have been regaled with the broadest opinion of the head of the English Church whose words many of us must have read with a feeling of nausea. Besides "Chivalry" mentioned by your correspondent, there is another sentiment which I have no doubt flourished in the Middle Ages and is known to-day as "not-hitting-a-man-when-he-is-down." In the opinion of the Archibishop, this sentiment can no doubt be forgotten when such a golden opportunity arises for bolstering up the waning influence of the Church.

Any mother will realise what it must have meant to Queen Mary and the Royal Family generally to read Archibishop's diatribe. If instead of damning the late King in one paragraph and recalling his genuineness in the next, the Archibishop had expressed a little more sympathy for the difficult situation in which the late King found himself, one would have respected the Archibishop's convictions more. He should know better than your readers that the lot of a King of England is not an enviable one but carries with it a burden and responsibility which few would care to bear. When a highly strung and sensitive nature has to bear this burden and the almost intolerable publicity that goes with it, it is natural to wonder at that the burden should prove too heavy without the support of a loving wife alone can give? But then the Archibishop is a bachelor so perhaps that explains everything.

I hope Mr. Bernard Shaw will be given an opportunity of replying to the Archibishop on behalf of those who sympathise with "the King over the water." But the puritanical influence of Sir John Reith may prove too great. "Oh, the pity of it!" FAIR PLAY.

The usual Tombola will not be held in the Garrison Lecture Hall on Friday, 18th instant, but will be continued in the usual manner on Saturday, 19th instant. Owing to Christmas and Boxing Days falling on Friday and Saturday of next week, no Tombola will be run in the Garrison Lecture Hall.

Why Abyssinia Lost The War

BADOGLIO'S ACCOUNT OF HIS VICTORY

FATAL MISTAKE BY EMPEROR

Rome, Dec. 5.

Field-Marshal Badoglio's account of the Abyssinian war, which is now on sale, gives a straightforward story of the operations he directed in language that civilians can understand.

It describes the confusion which reigned on the Makale front and in the harbour at Massawa when he succeeded Gen. de Bono as Commander-in-Chief in November, 1935. The scarcity of roads and the terrible condition of those that did exist caused him "anguish," he declares.

The left wing of the Italian army was almost isolated. An advance was impossible except at the risk of being overwhelmed and thrown back into Eritrea. The delay caused by the urgent need of consolidating his position brought Marshal Badoglio into storm of criticism from home but he stood firm.

By the middle of December he was ready to continue the war. Ras Imru, with between 40,000 and 50,000 men, had resumed his advance in the Scire. The Marshal decided to open his offensive in the Tembien.

He was rather anxious at first as to the result but he won three battles in succession, the second battle of Tembien, the battle of Enderta and the battle of Scire.

RAS MULUGUETTA KILLED

Ras Mulugetta was killed in action and then Ras Kassa and Ras Seyoun hesitated what line to take. Ras Imru retreated on Kojjam, which was already in revolt.

The Italian high command intercepted a message from Addis Ababa to the Emperor, advising him to negotiate for a settlement, so as to gain time for reconstructing the army.

Marshal Badoglio describes his intense relief when he learned some weeks later that the Emperor had rallied the bulk of his army to give battle at Lake Asangi. He had been afraid that he would retreat on Dassie thus forcing the Italians to fight a big battle several hundred miles away from their base.

The result of the battle of Lake Asangi was fatal to the independence of Abyssinia. The Emperor lost the bulk of his army and his equipment and retreated in haste and in great danger towards Addis Ababa.

This was early in April. On April 20 Marshal Badoglio advanced with his headquarters staff and 12 large bombing aeroplanes to Dassie. He says that the terrible roads were his worst fault.

MARCH ON CAPITAL

After reconditioning his weary troops for a short time at Quoram he made a series of forced marches to Addis Ababa. He affirms that the foreign legations in that city implored him to hurry and restore order because Haile Selassie had fled and the utmost confusion and anarchy reigned.

The advance took him 10 days and nights, which were an endless struggle against fog, blinding sunshine, and road-mending as the army moved forward. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of May 5 he entered Addis Ababa at the head of his troops.

This book contains none of the sensational revelations which made Marshal de Bono's volume so popular. Marshal Badoglio affirms that the war was won because the whole of the people at home were supporting it.

In this connection, Mr. Teeling

says: "he found only half a dozen young men who were constantly visiting the interior of South China."

"The South Chinese feel this very strongly and mentioned it to me on more than one occasion, especially the Kwangsi authorities, who pointed out that we have not even got a resident Consul in the whole of their province."

There is much more about conditions in South China generally and the lines on which Britain should operate commercially. Japan, of course, also figures largely in the book. The author thinks the European and American nations should be firm and friendly with her, "but to think she could make a friend is silly."

Elsewhere the view is expressed that there is no reason in the world why countries should not make agreements with Japan, be civil to her, and give her fair play; "but all the time she must be watched and never be allowed to take more than one is willing to give her."

None the less Mr. Teeling concedes that, according to her lights, Japan is doing right in taking everything she can for her own nation when she can.

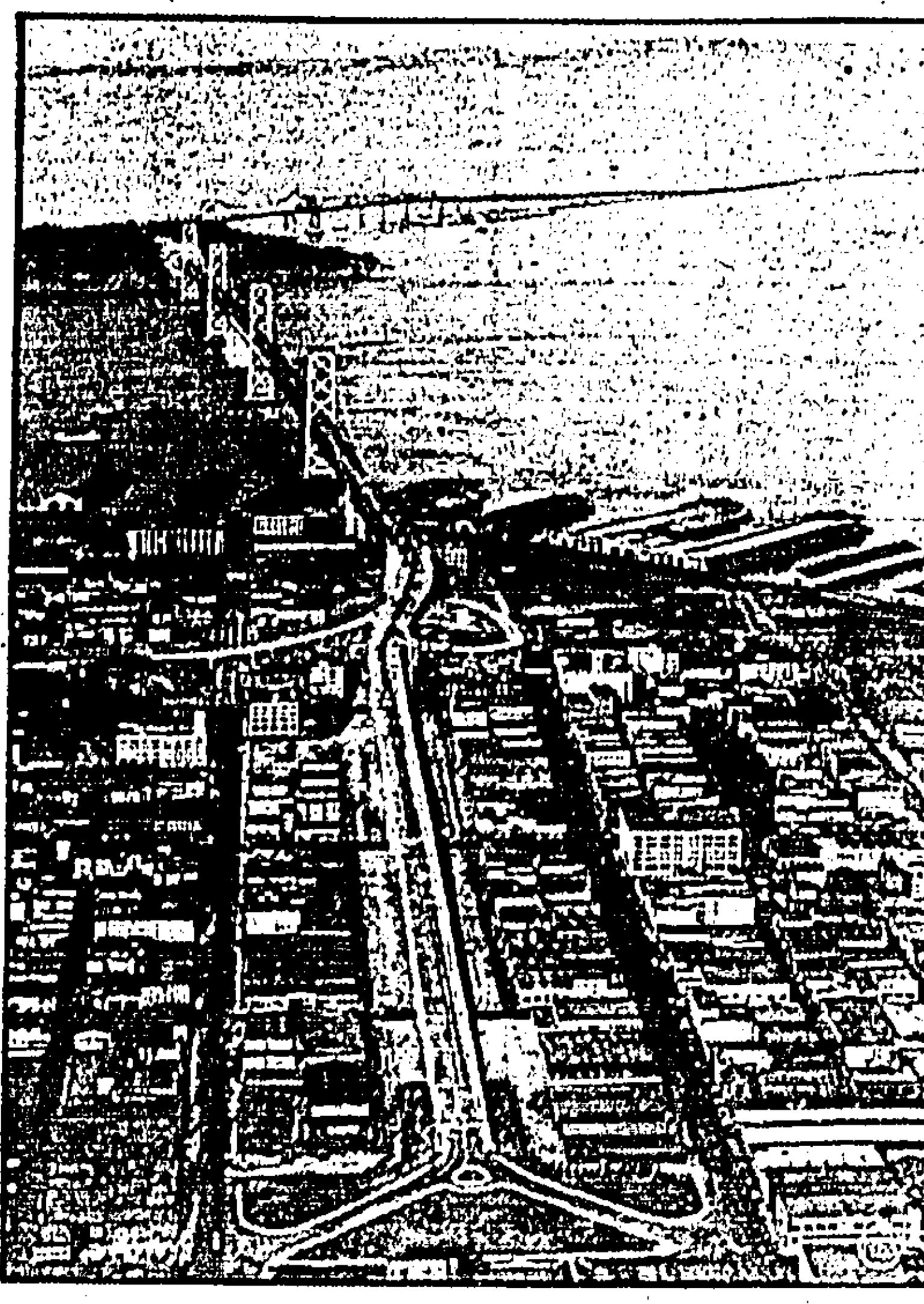
Of Manchukuo, the author thinks it should be administered as mandated territory. Bit by bit, he says, Japan is getting bored with this new baby. The Japanese have spent millions on Manchuria and are not finding it remunerative; their Army is far from conquering it and far from feeling that it is a real asset against Russia. The suggestion of people who know Japan and Manchukuo well, according to Mr. Teeling, is that one day Japan will be willing to get rid of this problem.

The book is crammed full of forceful observations, both in running comment and in final conclusions. It bears the stamp of deep sincerity, and will be found of deep interest from cover to cover.

JEWEL OF ASIA

"Manchukuo: Jewel of Asia," by D. M. B. Collier and Lieut.-Col. C. L'E. Malone (George Allen & Unwin, Ltd., London; 12s. 6d.) is a different stamp of book. In it, the authors have attempted a survey of the new State in its many aspects. Not only is the volume concerned with political issues, but there is much of interest in regard to the life of the people, their customs, religious beliefs, etc. The book also contains a summarised historical survey of the Far East, going back to the very earliest times.

On practical matters, and on the actual accomplishments of the new regime, the authors give a fair presentation of the facts, pointing where praise is due, and criticising where criticism is called for. Two great evils are stressed—banditry and prostitution. The evidence of travellers, it is claimed, does not bear out the contention that Japan has



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Radio Programme Broadcast by Z. B. W. on Wavelength of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.), 31.40 metres (0.62 megacycles).

12.30-2.15 p.m. European Programme.

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1.03 p.m. The London Piano-Accordian Band.

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1.30 p.m. Reuter Press, Rugby

Press, Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Light Concert Items.

2.15 p.m. Close Down.

4.7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7-11 p.m. European Programme.

7 p.m. Italian Music.

"La Sonnambula" (Bellini)—Could I believe... Totti Dal Monte, "Falso staff" (Verdi)—From Secret Caves and Bowers... (Soprano); "La Forza del Destino" (Verdi)—Swear in this hour... Beniamino Gigli (tenor), and Giuseppe de Luca (Baritone); "I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—A word allow me! A song of tender memories... Apollo Granfiori (Baritone); "I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—On with the Motley, "Andrea Chénier" (Giordano)—Gazing one day into the boundless blue... Aurelano Pertile (Tenor).

7.30 p.m. Stock Quotations.

7.35 p.m. Three Light Saxophone Solos by Howard Jacobs.

At Dawning (Cadmian): From the land of the sky-blue water (Cadmian); I love the moon (Rubens).

7.45 p.m. From the Studio.

The Third of a series of talks on "The Early Days of Cricket" by R. Abbit.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. A Band Concert.

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REVIEW OF THE MONTH

reduced the number of bandits; and the further point is made that, unfortunately for the natives of Manchukuo, the worst type of Japanese are entering the country. The extreme arrogance of the Japanese troops is also commented upon with the observation that it is deplored by Japanese officials.

On the other hand, there is warm

praise for what Japan has done in the matter of education, as well as in establishing the currency, and in reforming the banking and taxation systems. Much roadwork is accounted for in road and railway construction.

Regarding Manchukuo's mineral deposits, it is recorded that when these are developed the new State will become a much coveted land—a very jewel of Asia.

Doubts are expressed whether the present form of government will continue. It is certain that Japan will carry good organisation and social amenities into the country, but the query is raised whether the actual population will benefit as they have a right to do, or whether they will become the mere victims of oppressive Japanese militarism.

All in all, an engrossing volume,

bearing the imprint of a fairly close

study-of-the-new-State, even if—in parts the book is somewhat scrappy in assembly.

PROGRESSIVE REVELATION

Students of theology will find

much that is thought-compelling in

"Concerning Progressive Revela-

tion," by Vivian Phelps (C. A. Watts and Co., Ltd., London, Is.). This

little book comprises a revised and extended chapter of "The Churches and Modern Thought," by the same author. It is complete in itself, but necessarily the argument will be better understood if read in conjunction with the chapters which precede and follow it. The complete volume is now available in the Thinker's Library, issued at one shilling.

The author in his preface refers

to the lack of publicity given to

social anthropology, and deals with

the importance to the Christian re-

ligion of the new theory of pro-

gressive revelation. In the book itself

he gives detailed parallels in ancient

religions, and asks all Christians to

consider whether, in the common

myths, we have marvellous antic-

ipations of the Bible stories, or

whether in the latter we have re-

productions of the former. Progres-

sive revelation seeks to explain away

these parallels, but the author finds

the theory quite unacceptable. The

book is marked with obvious sin-

cerity, and the viewpoint expressed,

although conflicting with the

Christian concept, is reverently put.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Raphael Tuck & Sons' publica-

tions for the yuletide season are well

up to the high standard set by this

famous house. Tuck's Annual,

issued at 3s. 6d., has many attrac-

tive titles by professional con-

tributors, thrilling tales of overseas ad-

ventures, mystery stories, riddles,

jokes and puzzles. Father Tuck's

Annual for Little People, issued at

the same price, will be found just

CHRISTMAS PARTY

ST. ANDREW'S MOTHERS' UNION ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

The members of the Mothers' Union of the St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, were hosts yesterday afternoon at an annual Christmas party given for members of the Mothers' Union of St. John's Cathedral.

In the absence of Mrs. J. R. Higgs, Mrs. E. St. G. Kirke presided at the party, which opened at three o'clock with the playing of many, entertainments and competitions.

Music was provided by Mrs. Kirke and Miss B. Kirke and Mrs. Stevenson entertained with monologues.

A splendid tea with multi-coloured crackers was provided by Mrs. Gardner, manageress of Harbour View Hotel. Following tea, Mrs. Kirke announced that the Mothers' Union intend sending a little present with their congratulations to Mrs. Higgs on the birth of a son.

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TO-NIGHT'S DEBATE ON DAYLIGHT SAVING AT Y.M.C.A.

BILLIARD TOURNEYS
Local Championships Now Being Organised

The most topical of all local subjects—Daylight Saving—is to be debated at the European Y.M.C.A. tonight.

Mr. P. S. Cussidy, who will open the discussion, will ask whether Hongkong really needs Daylight Saving. The meeting which starts at 9 o'clock, is confined to members only of the Y.M.C.A.

SAMPAN OVERTURNS
FIFTEEN PERSONS THROWN INTO THE HARBOUR

During the gusty weather yesterday a sampan carrying 15 persons overturned near West Point. The fortunate presence of a Post Office launch and a water boat prevented any deaths.

The sampan, which had a number of passengers, is believed to have been carrying too much sail and a sudden squall capsized it. The fifteen occupants of the boat were thrown into the water in confusion.

Seeing the commotion Chan Fok, coxswain of the launch H.D. 22, ap-

proached the spot and rescued eleven of the occupants of the sampan, while the water boat Sze Woo rescued the other four. There were no serious injuries sustained, although two of the rescued were later taken to Kowloon Hospital suffering from the effects of the immersion.

A POSSIBLE OXFORD COX DISCUSSED IN TERMS OF HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

(By Conrad Skinner)

MOST people with a heart have been interested by the picture and attendant publicity of the cheerful nippie, who is already spoken of as Oxford's possible cox for 1937. He stands 3ft. high, weighs 3st. 13lb., and looks as bright and jolly as they make them. Everybody will wish him, and Oxford, good luck if the matter comes to a favourable decision.

I am, however, more interested in the apparent resurgence of the old weight booby, and I should like to discuss the matter theoretically, without any reference to the gifts and personalities of the winsome Mr. H. P. Massey (of Balliol), whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. I shall do no more than dispassionately use his measurements and weight, trusting that he will grant me that much licence.

First, then, here is a candidate four to five stone short of the normalcoxing weight, and that invites a crude sum in mathematics.

Taking a good average crew at 1,400lb., boat and oars at 400lb.,

and a typical cox at something round 120lb., the total dead weight of 1,020lb. is going to undergo a saving of 60lb. owing to the potential treasure Oxford has unearthed by saving of one pound in every thirty-two.

If speed were going to vary precisely in inverse ratio to dead weight (that is, if the extra 60lb. of dead weight were going to be so disposed as to increase in exact proportion the air and water-resistance, which constitute the chief brakes on speed of any given crew) we should expect speed increase roughly equivalent to the sail fraction, or some 700ft., from Putney to Mortlake—approximately 11 lengths.

A MISGUIDED EXPERIMENT

But although my mathematics will not rise to a true assessment, I am aware that it would amount to nothing like so much as that. The addition of 60lb. to Mr. Massey would not increase water-resistance in that precise proportion, whilst the air-resistance of any coxswain at all must be largely negligible—owing to his "streamlined" screening by the crew.

Another important consideration is to keep low the centre of gravity in order to minimise the liability to roll. For this reason they sank my seat nearly to the keel of the boat in 1912—a scheme which defeated its purpose. My useful inches—considerable for a cox—and given me normally the advantage of easy vision over the heads of the crew as they "scissored" and I lost that by being lowered, having to get my view first on one side and then on the other. This tended to produce boat-oscillation, the very thing to prevent which my seat had been sunk!

If Mr. Massey is so short that he has to be perched on cushions, as I read, in order that he may see where he is going, up goes his centre of gravity, and one of the advantages of his size forthwith vanishes in this increased liability to roll the boat.

The precise saving in speed handicap which may be involved in the reducing of coxswain-weight I cannot estimate. Let us suppose, however, for the sake of argument, that by making up a crew of eight and a half men, instead of nine, we are going to save six lengths. Of what value is that if we choose for this purpose a cox who, by reason of short stature, cannot see adequately before him, or one selected simply for lack of weight and then trained on to be a cox-in-the-hope that genius may spontaneously sprout within him?

Surely, primary account should be made of the positive gifts which go to make a helmsman and crew-controller.

A man may be worth 6 lengths for his lack of dead-weight, but he may lose the six lengths quite easily, even before Hammersmith—and none but an expert the wiser—if he has not the flair for tide- and channel-understanding, and the capacity to judge when, and when not, to pull his strings this way or that.

He should be the kind of man in whose experience and coolness a crew can wholly trust and to whom Straker dares to leave the responsibility of advising on the kaleidoscopic panorama of the race, with its momentous decision to spurt here or hang on there, the man who will know, when it arrives, that here and now is the unique opportunity to crack the enemy with a double ten and steer into the favouring water ahead of him.

Whilst I think it was rash and ill-advised of a president once to offer to take a certain cox up to ten stone—in a very flattering moment for him, of course—I do think that mere weight is discounted as a decisive factor. On the other hand I do also think that the obsession may have a psychological effect on a crew.

For this reason I will dismiss my will and belief. I did train down by seven pounds in 1912, but I was anything but complete fit for my job after it.

Anyhow, it was disheartening that that should be the year when we shipped 1½ tons of water between Putney and Hammersmith to render vain my sacrifice.

Mr. Massey may prove to have all the gifts, save inches, that the ideal cox should have. It is, at any rate, on the possession of some at least of these positive factors that the decision should turn.

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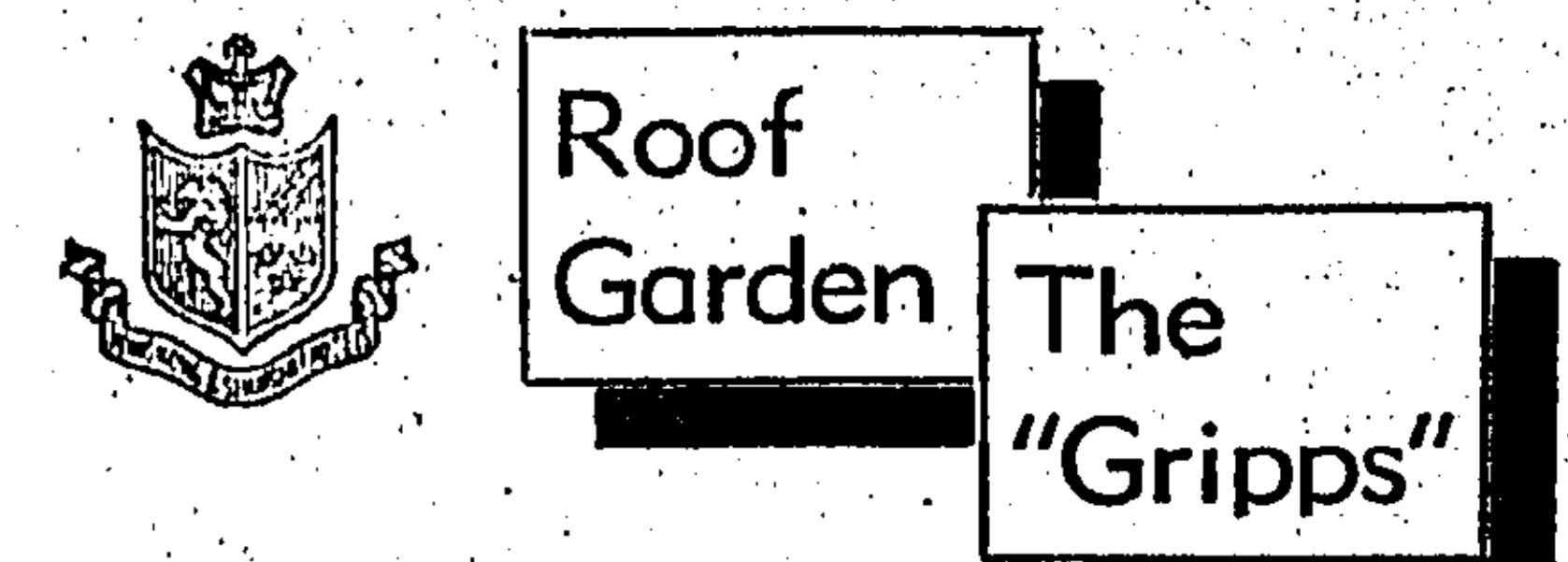
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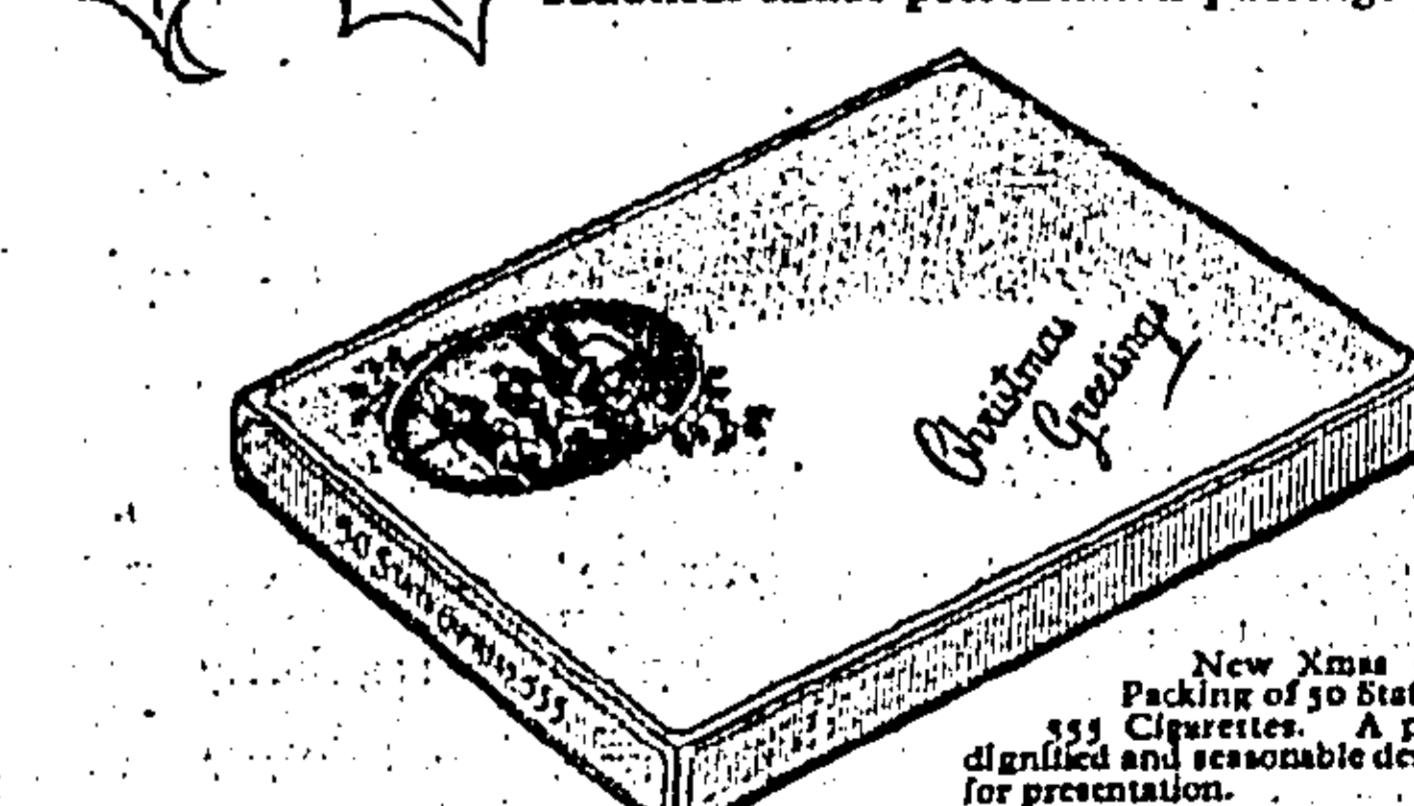
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£200-A-Week Baron Gassed With Last Penny

By A Special Reporter

"Baron Emil Forst," ex-Secret Service man and £200-a-week Hollywood film scenario writer, broken by ill-health and war wounds, tired of trudging round London's West End with film scripts he could not sell or even give away, paid a penny to gas himself in a tiny top floor bedroom in Vauxhall Bridge Rd., S.W. one night this month.

And as I sat in my office writing his story my telephone rang and brought this news.

While Forst was losing his last hope a woman film executive from Hollywood was seeking him.

"She had a story to translate and she wanted Forst to do it," I was told. "Another man made a mess of the job. The executive said:

'If only we could find Forst he would make a grand job of this! But she could not find him. The money would have saved him.'

Forst, appointed head of the foreign literature department of Universal City by Carl Laemmle Jun., came to Europe from Holly-

wood two years ago to find material for film stories.

SEALED ENVELOPE

He lost that job. He had to count his pennies. His last words before he locked himself in the bedroom to die were: "How long does a penny-worth of gas last?"

When the police were called to the bedroom, Forst, wrapped in an eiderdown, his head on a pillow under the bed, had been dead for hours. Propped on the dressing table was a big envelope, several times sealed.

It contained his will, which was witnessed last month by a West

End film agent to whom he had offered his last hopeless script. His suitcase contained nothing but a big new Bible.

Forst was born in Vienna on May 7, 1887; said his real name was Baron Emil Forsternak. He claimed to have carried out secret diplomatic missions for Austria during the big war.

His mastery of languages—Austrian, German, Italian, French and English—fitted him for the job of searching European capitals for Hollywood film stories. He was happy, on top of the world. But as an original story writer he was a failure. He was just a good translator and story finder.

"PEACE AT LAST"

Film actor Gibson Gowland, his friend for 15 years, told me last night: "I first met Forst—we always called him Captain Forst—in Hollywood. He was writing film stories and doing translations of plays and novels. He often earned £200 a week and more freelancing."

"He tried to write film stories in London; could not understand his failure to sell any. He could not earn a penny here. In Hollywood, you know, they buy stories they never use. Here they only buy the ones they want at the moment."

"The night before last he telephoned to me and he was very depressed. I tried to cheer him up, but he said: 'Well, I'll be gone before long and then you'll know that I'll be at peace at last.'"

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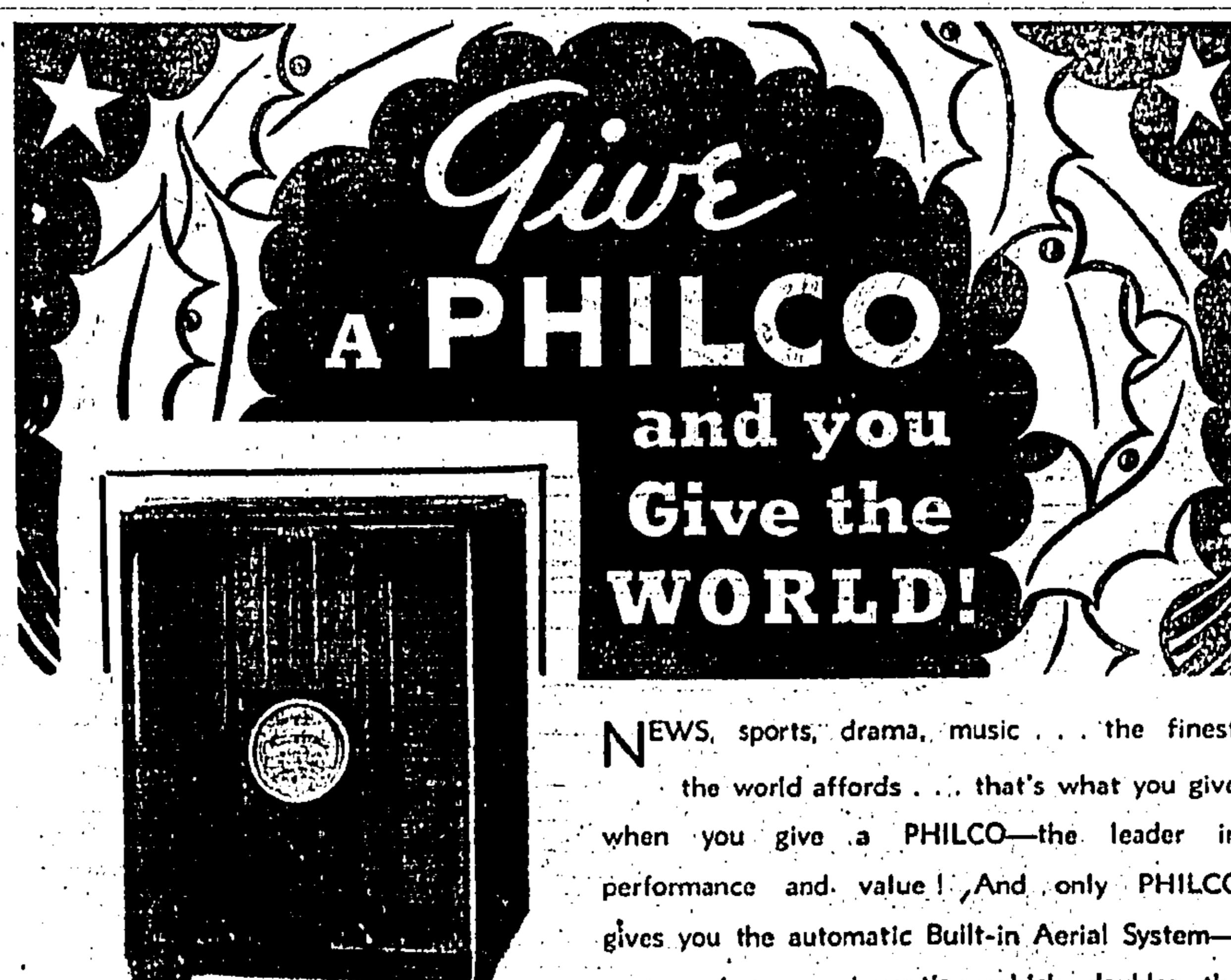


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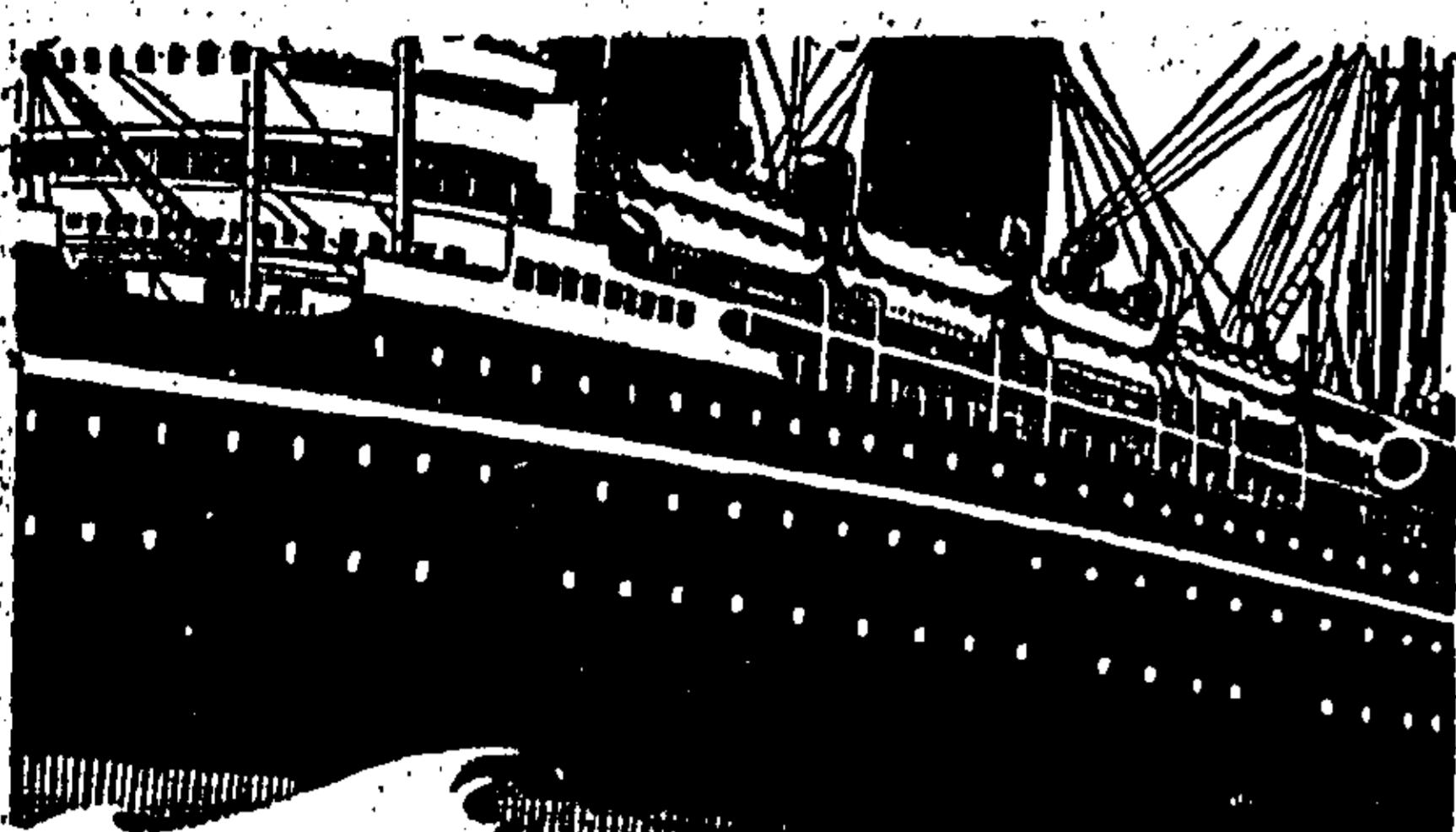
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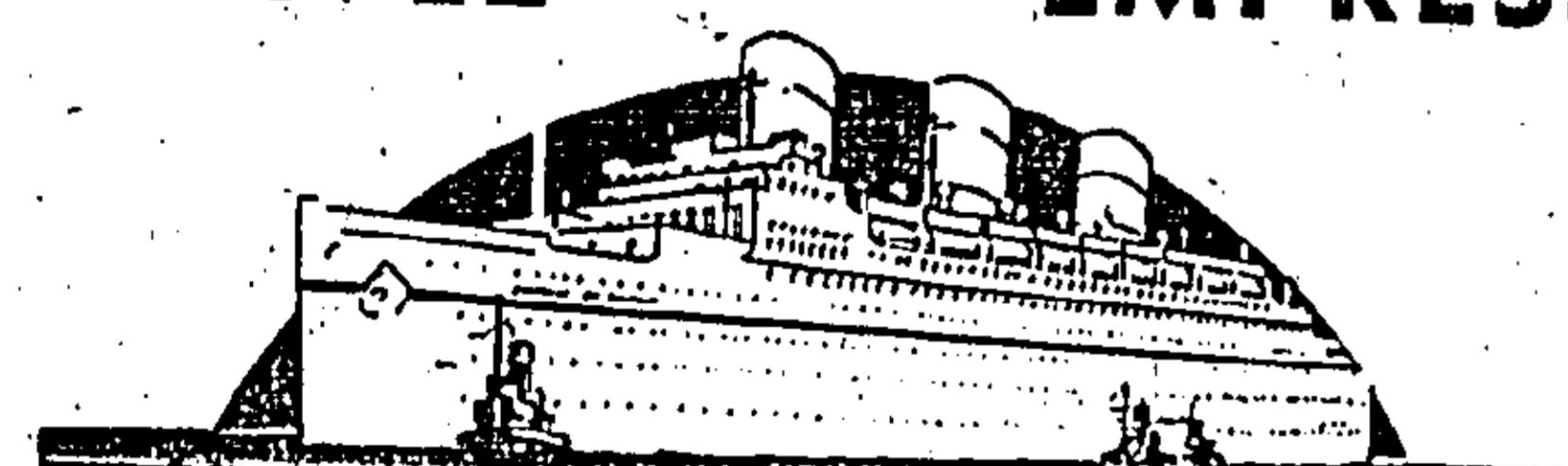
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The Strange Case Of Mrs. Lowick

London, Dec. 5.

One of the most remarkable cases in recent times is in progress before the Court of Appeal.

It arose out of an appeal of Mr. Philip Lazarus, a Manchester magistrate, and his son, Mr. Adolph Lazarus, calico printers, of Salford, against an award of £4,719 damages for malicious prosecution to Mrs. Frances I. Lowick (21) of Rhos-on-Sea, North Wales.

Mrs. Lowick, then unmarried, and a girl of excellent character, was formerly employed by Messrs. Lazarus in a clerical capacity. Money was missing by forgery on a large scale. Her employers brought a police court action against her, but it was dismissed, and there was no evidence at all as to what she had done with the money. If she had had it, the actual charge was in respect of a small sum of £170 only, but Sir Patrick Hastings (Counsel for the Lazaruses in the Court of Appeal) said cheques were involved totalling about £1,000.

Thereupon, the girl and her father, who was then under age, brought the action for malicious prosecution against the firm who were undoubtedly held up to much local odium after publicity all over the British Isles.

The Firm appealed and when the Action was started this week in a Higher Court, Sir Patrick declaring the facts would prove a very grave miscarriage of justice, said: "Mrs. Lowick, formerly employed by Messrs. Lazarus, was awarded the damages at Manchester Assizes last July. She had been acquitted on a prosecution, in October, 1935, for forgery of about £170."

"When Mrs. Lowick was prosecuted before the magistrate the astounding thing was that there was no evidence at all as to what had been done by her with the money if she had had it. Since the Action was tried the most amazing information has come into the possession of the defendants from a shop called Stella's Books, show that between April, 1935, and April, 1936, Mrs. Lowick bought £650 worth of clothes there."

"Between April 26th, 1935, and October 11th, 1936, when she left her employment, she had paid £400 on account to Stella's."

"She always paid in £1 notes within a day or two of the alleged forgery of the cheques."

"Of the balance of £650, £170 was paid off in May, 1936, after the prosecution and before the civil action, and a final payment of £51 was made by the young woman's father."

"There also came to the defendants' knowledge another most astounding fact."

"On December 4th, 1935, somebody went to John Percy & Co., pawnbrokers, with jewellery on which £20 was advanced."

"The person pledging the property gave the name of Beatrice Chartres, a young woman employed by Stella's."

"Beatrice Chartres has been seen and says that no jewellery of hers was pledged at all, and she knows nothing about it."

"The pledge-notes have been inspected and an opinion has been given that they are in the handwriting of Mrs. Lowick."

"There could be no doubt," Sir Patrick added, "that if the evidence was right the plaintiff and her father are in grave peril from another aspect of the law, having regard to the evidence they swore at the trial."

"There were, he concluded, an enormous number of grounds for appeal."

Mr. E. C. Hemmerde, K.C. for Mrs. Lowick, said: "One of the main questions which arose was whether she forged the cheques or whether Mr. Adolph Lazarus signed them in the ordinary course of business and put the money into his own pocket."

The Jury found that the latter thing happened as shown by these questions left to them and their answers.

"Their verdict, if it stood, must inevitably lead to the prosecution of Mr. Adolph Lazarus."

"Our case will be that these books that are supposed to convict Mrs. Lowick are forged and have been forged to meet a desperate situation."

"The plaintiff will deny that she ever had the things and will say that the people who are now coming forward to help are people who, within a week of the verdict, asked her to put £2,000 of her damages in to their business."

Sir Patrick gave an undertaking that Mr. Hemmerde should have every facility to examine the Stella books.

And there for the moment the case stands. Fresh evidence is to be called.

Big Game Freak

Nairobi, Dec. 1.

The skin of what is believed to be a new species of wild animal, shot in the Maasai Forest by a white settler, is now being exhibited at the Nairobi Natural History Museum.

The animal resembles a huge lynx, but its colour, markings and the shape of the skull are different. Natives believe it to be a Nandi bear, an almost legendary animal, reported to have been seen at intervals during the last 20 years, but never identified.

The skin and skull are to be sent to the British Museum.

8 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



Mother, I think I'll get daddy a T — I — E for Christmas.

American Critic of "£40,000,000 Coronation"

From A Correspondent

New York, Dec. 10.

"I have been reliably informed that the Coronation is going to cost the British £40,000,000.

"Let them pay that in interest on their debt to the United States, and go about their King-crowning in simple way."

So said Representative Raymond J. Cannon (Democrat, Wisconsin) explaining to me why he is to introduce a resolution into the coming Congress calling upon the United States Government to boycott the Coronation ceremony.

OVER THE PHONE

Speaking on the telephone from Milwaukee, Mr. Cannon insisted that the Coronation would cost the sum he mentioned.

There was a little give-and-take over the phone, as follows:

Myself: "Supposing the British wanted to pay that amount on the debt, how would you accept the money—in gold or goods?"

Mr. Cannon: "I'd take it in any way that would relieve the American taxpayers."

Myself: "If you took it in goods, that might injure American workers, who are now producing the same goods."

Mr. Cannon: "I don't know anything about that. What I ask is: have they made an offer? If they make an offer, let the State Department settle how to accept payment."

The resolution which Mr. Cannon is to move includes this: "A debtor has no right to waste huge sums of

SHEPHERD MUST NEVER AGAIN OWN A DOG

Gloucester, Dec. 10.

Ernest Grubb, a 52-year-old shepherd, of Kemble, Gloucestershire, will never keep a dog again.

This penalty was imposed on him here to-day, when he was summoned for cruelty to his dog, which afterwards died. He was also fined £1.

In Grubb's defence it was said that he killed the dog while he was in an epileptic fit.

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To-Day in the Past



The barracks after the bombardment. They were empty at the time.

By Coastguardsman
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(who was on duty at the Admiralty Signal Station at Scarborough Castle during the bombardment).

Dawn was spreading over the North Sea.

I had watched it for the past twenty minutes splitting up the darkness of the long and dreary night.

Never before had my vigil from the look-out station that topped a promontory overlooking Scarborough Bay, dragged on so interminably.

A Strange Vessel

I glanced at my watch. It showed 7.50. Thank goodness I had only ten minutes' more duty. My relief, Bob Barnes, would already be climbing the steep hill that wound up from the town of Scarborough to the summit of the cliff.

I stretched my limbs and walked to the door.

A steady chilliness enveloped me as I opened it and went outside on to the strip of grass that lay between the hut and cliff edge.

A heavy haze hung over the sea. Wisps of it drifted across the cliffs. The turf was saturated. It gave beneath my tread. It glossed my boots to the sheen of patent leather. The White Ensign sagged sadly on

its mast above the hut. An uncomfortable, icy penetrating mist, characteristic of November and December on the Yorkshire coast. "Frostburgh" they call it.

Below I could only just make out the sea. Grey and grim. I could hear it stirring monotonously over the shingly foreshore.

A few minutes later the mist began to lift.

Suddenly to the north I could dimly discern an approaching vessel, just a blurred shape such as one would see through a badly focused telescope. It was travelling inside the swept channel that ran down practically the whole length of the East Coast and extended three miles out to sea, and which was used by all merchant shipping as a safeguard against mines.

Probably one of the Carron Line vessels that were constantly passing along the channel with mails and merchandise on their way to and from Leith and London. I took a second look.

I hardly knew what prompted my next action. Perhaps it was a slight unfamiliarity about the design of the boat.

Maybe it was because the guard at Scarborough Castle that lay barely three hundred yards immediately behind the signal station had the night before unexpectedly been doubled.

At any rate, I re-entered the hut and rung up Whitby signal station—the next round the coast northwards.

I inquired if any vessel of the description of the approaching one had passed their station earlier. None had.

My suspicions were now definitely aroused.

The suspect was drawing nearer. She was travelling at a great rate.

Her speed was churning the water almost up to her forecastle.

I called to my companions. They were Harry Holding, next in rank to myself, and a police constable, Harry Hunter.

It was usual during war time for the local police force to supplement the personnel at the Admiralty signal stations dotted round the coast with constables—mainly as a safeguard against espionage.

"There's a strange ship over there," I said. "And as sure as my name's Jimmie Walsh, she's a German."

Even as I spoke I saw two more vessels loom out of the haze at her port side.

I shouted to Hunter to call out the men and officers of the military guard, who had their billets in cottages adjacent to the Castle.

I told Holding to warn the coast-guard, who had their quarters lower down the cliff.

Now I could clearly see that the leading vessel was a warship. A two funnelled one. An enemy cruiser.

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At the same moment my relief, Bob Barnes, white and breathless, dashed into the hut.

"My God, the papers, quick," he gasped. "This is going to be a landing."

I gathered up all the confidential books and documents, and flew to an old disused well at the back of the hut. Bob Barnes followed with a can of paraffin.

Now a second terrible resonant roar out at the sea, the whine of a shell, and the—but we had just vacated was no more.

Nothing but a wooden platform that had formed the floor, and a tangled heap of smoking rubbish.

With feverish haste Barnes tore off the cap of the paraffin can and poured its contents on to the books and papers that I had laid in a heap on the grass.

Another shell. We saw a great cloud of dust rise from a row of empty barracks adjacent to the Castle. A long, gaping fissure showed from roof to floor of its brickwork front.

With trembling fingers Barnes struck a match, and as the flames devoured the little pile I pushed the smouldering mass into the well.

Now there was a veritable fusillade of shells. One after another they roared and whistled over our heads and detonated with fearful explosions all around us.

We lay flat on our stomachs in the recess. At any moment we expected

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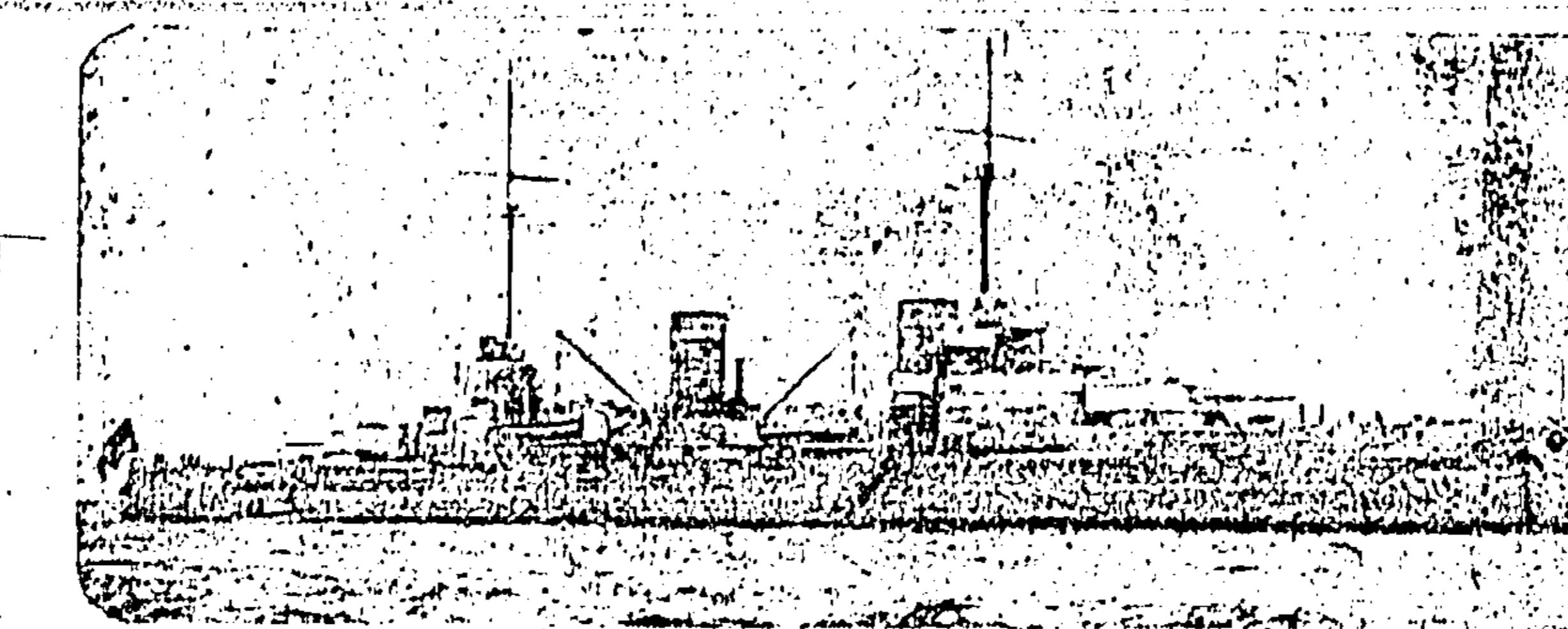
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The German battle-cruiser Von der Tann, which took part in the raid.

The Bombardment of Scarborough

THE bombardment of Scarborough and Hartlepool by a German naval force brought home to the British people, perhaps more than anything else, the real meaning of the war.

On December 16, 1914, six German warships crept up to within a few miles of the British coast and rained shells on the two towns. During the raid they killed 187 inhabitants, injured 592 and did great damage to property.

council chamber. Another hit the lighthouse at the harbour entrance, the guidance of a local historian.

The request was granted, and during the tour of inspection both the barracks and Castle were visited.

Every one in the German party was armed with a camera, and I recall that at the time particular interest in the Castle and its place in the military scheme of things was exhibited by several of its members, who asked a great number of searching questions.

But whatever the significance of this incident, there is certainly no doubt that on December 16, 1914, the commanders of those German battleships were by no means lacking in knowledge that Scarborough had both a Castle and barracks in its headland.

The deliberate and confident way they steamed to a point opposite these two edifices and took aim was ample manifestation.

Permissible

What they did not know was that the barracks had not been occupied since the beginning of the war and that the military authorities had not deemed it necessary to take defensive precautions beyond a twelve-strong guard to fortify the Castle, since Scarborough had never really seriously been considered a mark for the enemy on account of its essentially residential character.

If the Germans had thought, as they evidently had, that the Castle and the barracks were of military importance, their bombardment of this was a permissible war-time operation.

But the effect of the bombardment on recruiting figures throughout the country, and particularly in Yorkshire, was a testimony to the strong feeling that the attack had raised in the hearts of the British nation.

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FIGHTS NINE DUELS FOR BRIDE'S HONOUR

They Eloped; Sabres Will Settle Insults

Budapest, December 10. DR. FRANZ SARGAS, young Hungarian civil servant and Budapest society man, is fighting four sabre duels late to-night and five to-morrow morning to defend the honour of his wife, 24-year-old beautiful millionairess, Magda Darko, with whom he eloped six months ago.

Dr. Sargas says that his opponents, all leading society men—two of them are counts—have made insulting remarks about his wife and their marriage.

A court of honour decided that the duels should be fought under the severest conditions—heavy cavalry sabres, the duellists stripped to the waist, with no bandages round throat or heart, as is the custom.

* * *

Dr. Sargas and Magda Darko met at a dance in Budapest, fell in love at first sight. The girl's family, Hungarian bankers, would not consent to the marriage. The couple eloped. Police were put on their trail.

Magda Darko wrote to her family to say she had gone with Dr. Sargas of her own free will and they were very happy; unless the family consented to their marriage they would not return.

A fortnight later the police found them hiding in a small country village near Lake Balaton. They arrested Dr. Sargas, but as it was clear he had not kidnapped his sweetheart they had to let him free.

At last the family gave way, consented to the wedding, and the couple were married in the summer.

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Duelling is forbidden in Hungary, but the police have so far taken no official notice of Dr. Sargas's duels. The rule is that fines are imposed after the duels have been fought.

Prince Bernard Zur Lippe, whose

marrage to

Princess Julianne of Holland will

take place on

January 7.

DEATH CLAIMS ETHIOPIAN WARRIOR

Addis Ababa, Dec. 10.

Arch-enemies for the last five years, Bala Hu and Ligg Lukas characteristic figures in the former Ethiopian court of Haile Selassie have followed each other to their tombs in the short lapse of one week.

Contrasting in a striking manner both physically and politically, Bala Hu, seven feet and five inches in height, was claimed to be tallest man in Ethiopia while Ligg Lukas was a small hunchback scarcely four feet tall.

Bala Hu had been chosen by Selassie to carry his red silk umbrella during official ceremonies because of his exceptional height and remained faithful to the former emperor even after Selassie's flight to Djibouti.

Ligg Lukas on the other hand was favourable to the Italians. He was the eunuch attached to Ras Haile's harem and had been imprisoned for several long years together with his master for having offered help once to some Italian explorers.

While Lukas was the last descendant of a noble family of priests, Bala was a bandit who was dragged in chains before Selassie together with a group of brigands captured while plundering villages on the outskirts of Addis, Ababa. His exceptional height caused the former emperor to free him and appoint him "Imperial Umbrella Carrier".

Following the former emperor's flight to French Somaliland, Bala Hu immediately resumed brigandage. He was arrested in June by Italian troops and sentenced to a few months in prison.

Details as to how both prominent Ethiopians met with death could not be obtained in any quarter. Popular belief, however, claims that Bala Hu must have contracted some serious illness while in jail. Ligg Lukas' death remains a mystery.

"TERRIERS" RECRUITING

London, Dec. 15. During November, 2,757 recruits were taken on the strength of Territorial Army, compared with 1,873 in October and 1,240 in November, 1935. During the eight months April to November, 1936, the intake of recruits was 26,208 compared with 15,169 during the same period last year, an increase of 73 per cent.—British Wireless.

BRITISH FINANCES

London, Dec. 15. Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £414,017,403, compared with £411,460,000 in the corresponding date of last year. Total ordinary expenditure is £450,420, compared with £425,208,024 at the corresponding date of 1935.—British Wireless.

HE WILL MARRY THE WORLD'S MOST ELIGIBLE WOMAN



Love-Crazy Woman Is Hunted In Shooting Mystery

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.

Captain Clyde Plummer, chief investigator into the mysterious death of car salesman Reid Russell, started a search to-day for a love-crazed woman who, he believes, may have murdered Russell.

The best clue he has is a series of telephone calls received by Russell's mother from an unknown woman shortly before the body was found in a lawn swing at writer Gouverneur Morris's Los Angeles home.

The woman told Mrs. Russell that Reid had failed to keep an appointment with her.

Another police theory is that Russell was shot by a rival suitor.

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CHIANG'S ADVISER SEES SETTLEMENT AT HAND IN NORTH

But Generalissimo Refuses To Treat with Captors

LOYAL TROOPS SURROUND REBEL HEADQUARTERS AT SIANFU

MR. W. H. DONALD, ADVISER TO MARSHAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK, WHO IS ACTING AS A NEGOTIATOR BETWEEN NANKING AND CHANG HSUEH-LIANG, WHO HOLDS THE GENERALISSIMO HOSTAGE TO HIS TERMS, BELIEVES A SETTLEMENT OF THE NORTH CHINA CRISIS WILL BE EFFECTED WITHIN A FEW DAYS PROVIDING PATIENCE AND TEMPER ARE NOT EXHAUSTED. MARSHAL CHIANG, HE HAS REVEALED, HAS REFUSED CHANG'S REQUEST FOR A UNION WITH RUSSIA AGAINST THE JAPANESE, IN SPITE OF THE "YOUNG MARSHAL'S" ENTREATIES.

Nanking, Dec. 15.

It is announced that Sianfu, where General Chang Hsueh-liang has established himself and a strong body of troops, and where he holds Marshal Chiang Kai-shek captive, has now been completely surrounded by Government forces.

Aeroplanes dropped leaflets over the city this morning calling upon the rebels to surrender their captives, which include Marshal Chiang's chief staff officers.

Meanwhile, Mr. W. H. Donald, British adviser to Marshal Chiang, has returned from Sianfu. He denies the report that General Yan Hu-chen is leading a counter-revolt in Chang Hsueh-liang's camp and described a dramatic interview with Chang and Marshal Chiang himself.

In this interview Chang entreated Marshal Chiang to accept his proposals, particularly that for an alliance with Russia against Japan. Marshal Chiang, however, declared this was impossible at present.

Shortly after the interview, Mr. Donald telegraphed Nanking saying intensive negotiations would be necessary to secure the release of Marshal Chiang. The rebels were evidently determined to exploit their possession of so valuable a hostage in order to force the Government into concessions.

The danger is, said Mr. Donald, that the initiative may pass from Chang Hsueh-liang to the younger rebel officers, who might decide that general disruption of the country, which would follow the death of Marshal Chiang, would be more favourable than any other condition to the realisation of their aims.—Reuter.

Chiang Refuses Proposals

Tokyo, Dec. 16. The Japanese Domesi correspondent in Shanghai quotes the Central News Agency despatches of December 16 announcing that Mr. W. H. Donald, British adviser to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, had arrived at Loyang following a visit to Chang Hsueh-liang. He also saw Marshal Chiang, alive.

"There is no change in the condition of Chiang Kai-shek," said this authority.

Marshal Chiang refused various proposals urged upon him by Chang Hsueh-liang, asserting they must be submitted to the Kuomintang Congress.

This announcement contradicts all previous Domesi reports.—United Press.

We presume that among the reports contradicted is that to the effect that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had been executed, together with other staff generals, at the hands of the rebels in Sianfu.—Ed.

Execution Denied

Shanghai, Dec. 16. A Government spokesman to-day denied the Japanese report that Chang Hsueh-liang had been executed at Sianfu. The statement that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had been executed, termed the statement "malicious propaganda calculated to upset the market and the public."

Mr. W. H. Donald, Marshal Chiang's adviser, has answered a United Press query by telegraph reporting that he had an interview with both Chang and Chiang, and adding that Chang has no intention of harming the Generalissimo.

"Unless unforeseen difficulties arise,

**CHANG
SAVED
JAPAN?**
LONDON "TIMES"
SUGGESTS
AND TELLS
JUST WHY

London, Dec. 16. "The Young Marshal's treachery has perhaps saved the Japanese Government," observes the Times to-day.

Japan's Chinese policy and her agreement with Germany had incurred criticism from many politicians; but opposition is momentarily confounded, the paper adds.

The Communist specie alarms Japan, it goes on to explain:

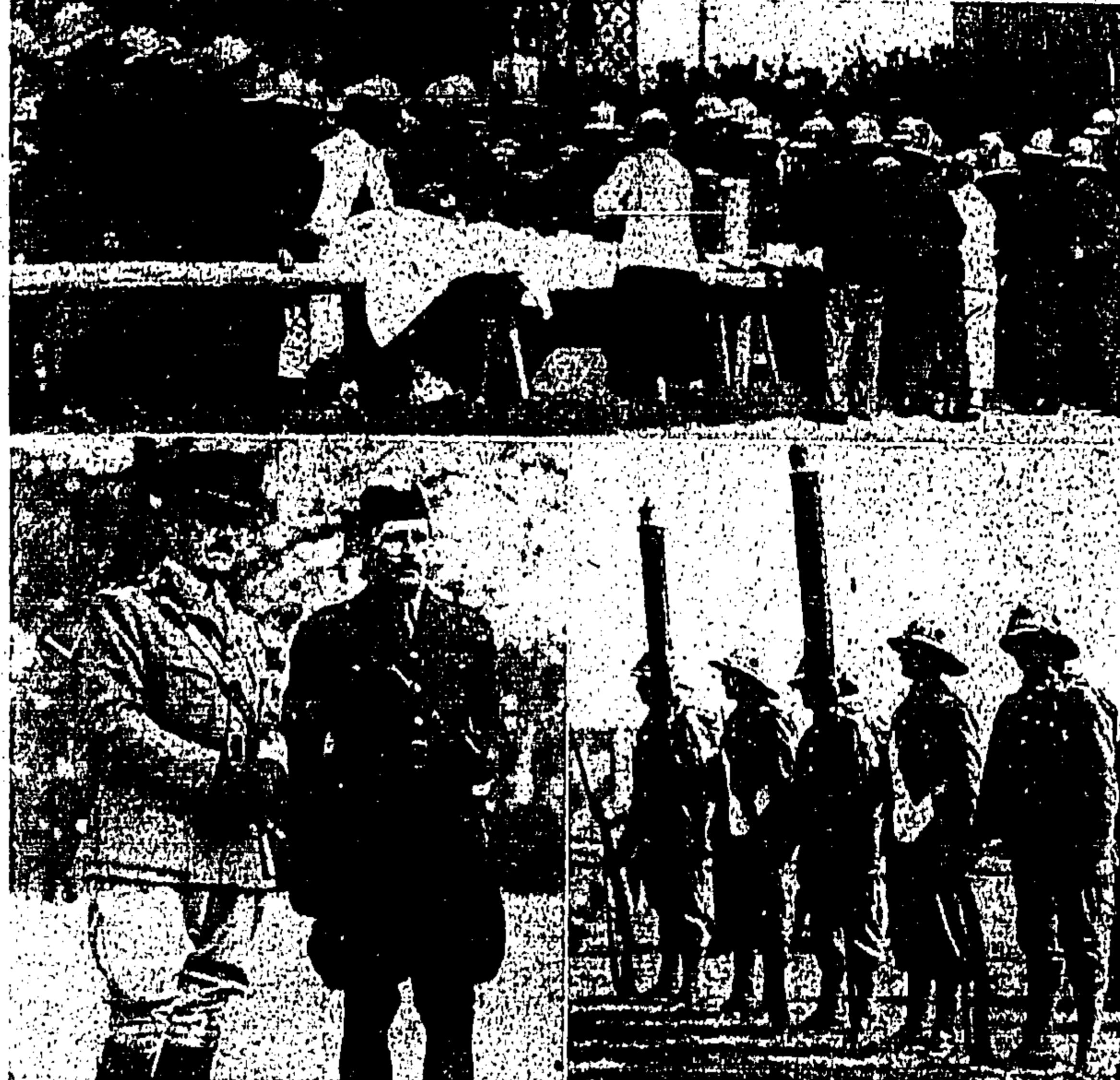
Chinese opinion must be perturbed by the serious revolt in Kansu. Yet it is far from certain that Chang Hsueh-liang cherishes any but purely personal and predatory ambitions. He has expended a great part of the fortune with which he retired from Manchuria on a large and disorderly army and believes he can extract better terms for himself and his warriors by hold-up.

Whether he succeeds or fails, the Times declares, his action has thrown an unpleasant light on the dis-equilibrium of Chinese politics.—Reuter.

T.V.A. EXPANSION STOPPED

Washington, Dec. 15. The Federal Court has enjoined the great Tennessee Valley power and irrigation enterprise against further expansion, pending adjudication of the suit, which is to be tried March 8.—United Press.

LOYAL REGT. TAKES OVER



During the ceremony of change-over of the British troops in Shanghai, men of the Lancashire Fusiliers and the Loyal Regiment fraternizing and lining up for refreshments; (lower left) Brigadier Telfer-Sneddon and the Brigade Major, Captain Rennie, watching the men; (lower right) the colour party of the Loyals.

Air Express Missing

LAST SEEN FIGHTING AGAINST STORM

Salt Lake City, Dec. 15. A Western Air Express liner is ten hours overdue here, carrying four passengers and three of a crew on the run between Los Angeles and Chicago.

The machine was last seen in a storm above Milford, Utah, at 2.20 a.m. this morning.

Planes and trucks are checking the emergency landing fields and searching the rough terrain over which the liner's course lay.—United Press.

ARMY AIDS SEARCH

Salt Lake City, Later. The Army air field attaches have received authorisation to use all available equipment to search for the missing Western Air Express liner, now 10 hours overdue.

Meanwhile, amateur radio operators have been requested to listen for signals respecting the lost machine throughout the night.—United Press.

LOCAL MOTORISTS WARNED

PROTECTION FOR PEDESTRIANS

FAIR SHARE OF ROAD

In passing sentence of one year's imprisonment, with hard labour, on Wong Ping-chong, young lorry driver, for the manslaughter of a countrywoman by collision with his vehicle, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, this morning addressed warning words to the motorists generally.

His Lordship said:—"I am prepared to accept your story that you were anxious to pass another vehicle at that point, and took a chance. You no doubt thought this poor woman would get out of your way. It cannot be too strongly impressed on all drivers of motor vehicles that the law will do what it can to protect other users of the road—even the poor pedestrian. I have got to punish you as an example to others who might feel inclined to take similar unjustified risks."

The hearing was the conclusion of the charge arising from the death of Cheung Suet, elderly woman, less than an hour after she was knocked down by accused's lorry which was attempting to pass another.

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GARDNER ARRESTED AGAIN

ANOTHER CHARGE OF FRAUD

POLICE OBJECT TO BAIL

Joseph Charles Gardner, aged 48, of No. 302 Nathan Road, second floor, who was discharged by the Chief Justice at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, on a technical point of law, when he appeared on two charges of fraudulent conversion, was brought before the Senior Magistrate, Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy this morning, on a new charge.

Gardner was stated in the charge to have fraudulently converted to his own use the sum of \$31 given to him by his employers, the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., for the purchase of revenue stamps, on

January 5, 1935.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, Sr., appeared on behalf of accused.

Chief Detective-Inspector J. Murphy, for the prosecution, said: "Mr. Williams (the Assistant Attorney-General) has told me to ask your Worship to make a note that the case is for commitment. Defendant has been arrested on a warrant in respect of certain sums of money converted by him in 1935. There will probably be further charges preferred against defendant, and I have been instructed to ask for a formal remand of one week."

His Worship asked if defendant was to be allowed bail, but Inspector Murphy objected to this.

Defendant was accordingly remanded formally for one week.

Gardner, when first charged at the Central Magistracy, appeared before the Second Magistrate, Mr. K. Keen, and at the Criminal Sessions, Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada, Sr., successfully argued that defendant had been convicted by the Magistrate, and could not be convicted a second time at the Supreme Court.

On enquiry this morning it was learned that the steamer has not suffered any serious damage, and that it is expected that she will be re-floated at high water to-night.

Meanwhile, the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's tug Henry Kewick has left for the scene of the grounding.

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There Should Be A Pun In This Photograph About Wanting To Get Into "Gripps"



Here is Vera Love and her ten Follies—eleven American girls who arrived in the Colony yesterday under contract with the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. They are eleven reasons why the bookings at the Hongkong Hotel for the festive season are the highest on record.



Widows Lead the Way MORE CHANCES OF MARRIAGE

Widows between the age of 35 and 55 have more chance of marriage than spinsters of the same age, and a bigger proportion of widowers marry between the ages of 25 and 55 than bachelors.

These are among the facts revealed in the official commentary of the Registrar-General in his statistical review for 1934 published by the Stationery Office (3s. 6d.).

Other striking facts are:

Fewer men under the age of 21 married in 1934 than for many years past.

The number of divorcees—4,297—was higher than in any previous year, and the number of divorced persons, who remarried—5,545—was also a record.

The birth-rate of 14.8 per 1,000 population is lower than that of any other countries except Austria and Sweden.

The average age of the population has increased from 29.9 years in the case of men in 1921 to 32.4 years in 1934 and for women from 31.2 to 34.2 years.

SUMMER BABIES LUCKIER

Summer-born babies have a greater chance of survival than those born in winter.

"There is," says the report, "a considerable disadvantage in survival at the end of the second year for children born in the winter months compared with those born at other seasons."

"Despite the fact that each group of children has, by the end of two years from birth, been twice exposed to a complete round of the seasons, out of each 1,000 children born in four winters an average of 89 died within two years, whereas out of each 1,000 born in summer only 75 died."

During the first year of life the mortality rate of winter-born babies is 14 per cent. in excess of summer-born, and in the second year it is 42 per cent.

MOTHERS' DEATH-RATE

The rate of mortality for mothers during 1930-32 was for all married women 4.13 per 1,000 live births. For those classes comprising "wives" of men in professions and allied occupations the rate was 4.44; for the wives of those defined as skilled and semi-skilled workers 4.00.

Cancer Diagnosed In Error

Man Who Would Have Had Right To Die

A wrong diagnosis and the proposed "right to die" were discussed at an inquest at Blackburn recently on John Shackleton, aged 55, an iron moulder, of Hodder-street, Blackburn, who died suddenly on Tuesday.

Mrs. Shackleton said that her husband had been in poor health since leaving the Army 10 years ago. In 1921, when in hospital, it was decided that he had a cancer which could not be operated upon.

Dr. Bailey, who conducted a post-mortem examination, attributed death to double-septic pneumonia, and said that there was no cancer and never had been.

He said that there had been a lot of discussion in the Press recently on the subject of euthanasia and the suggested right of incurables to be painlessly put to death. If the suggestion had been legalised, Shackleton, in whom cancer had been diagnosed, would have been one of those who would have had the right to die.

The Coroner (Mr. T. R. Thompson) said that it was absolutely ridiculous to talk of the right to die. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

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Oliver Hardy To Pay Wife £200 A Month

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.

OLIVER HARDY, "fat one" of film comedians Laurel and Hardy, was to-day ordered to pay his wife £200 a month alimony pending hearing of her suit against him for £50 a month maintenance.

Hardy pleaded that his wife was worth £20,000 in her own name; admitted he locked her out of their home last June.

When Mrs. Hardy filed her suit she said her husband was too fond of liquor, gambling,

and other women, and treated her in real life as badly as he treated Laurel on the screen.

"Take Wife To Cinema" Orders Court

A Brooklyn, New York, magistrate, Mr. Sabbatino, imposed a humorously practical sentence on a man whose wife complained that she was treated badly, and that her husband never took her out to places of amusement.

It was Mrs. Rubenstein who made the complaint, and the sentence on her husband, Samuel, was that he should take his wife to the cinema on December 2 and hold her hand throughout the performance.

If Mr. and Mrs. Rubenstein were not reconciled by this the wife was ordered to go and see the magistrate again on Dec. 3.

This little domestic affair in Brooklyn has inspired a London reporter to tell the story, as follows, with apologies to Stanley Holloway, broadcaster of Edgar's famous Lancashire dialect monologue concerning "old Sam":

The Rubensteins, dwelling in Brooklyn,

Lived a life that was nowt but a sham,

So the wife took her troubles to court-house,

And complained of her husband,

named Sam.

She pleaded a case of maltreatment,

"Cos he never would treat her at all;

Not to smokes, not to drinks, nor new dresses.

SHIP COMES IN AS PRISONER'S GIFT TO JUDGE

Herkimer, N.Y., Dec. 1.

County Judge Frank H. Shaff's ship came in via Atica prison.

An inmate, appreciating assignment to prison work fitting his labours, made a model of a ship almost entirely of pieces of burned matches glued together.

The ship was presented to the Jurist. The design is that of a sailing vessel of three masts, with portholes for cannon, common in pre-Revolutionary days. Atop the mainmast is a crow's nest for the lookout.

The sails are made of lining torn from old shoes. The portholes are made of shoe eyelets. Thread is used for the rope and rigging.—United Press.

Boy Who Got No Letters' Is Birched

Weymouth, Dec. 5.

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD GEORGE ALEXANDER WESTERN, who "never got letters like other boys," wept at a court-martial in the naval depot ship *Titania* to-day.

A pitiable story was told of his discovery that the mother he had never known was in a mental hospital.

The youth has the rank of "Boy" in the battleship *Nelson*, flagship of the Home Fleet at Portland.

Simple, Childlike

The *Nelson*'s chaplain, the Rev. D. Blunt, said he had come to the Navy from school, and when he joined had asked that inquiries should be made to see if his mother was alive.

"I learned," said the chaplain, "that his mother and brother were in mental homes, and that his sister was at a training home for mental defectives. But I did not tell him, because it would have had a bad effect, I thought, on such a simple, childlike person."

"Then he heard from his sister, and he told me he wanted to go to his mother. The boy was very thrilled to learn that he had a mother, but when he returned I noticed a dreadful disillusionment in him. It must have been a terrible shock to find that his mother was in a mental hospital."

"Laughed At Me"

"From that day I noticed a deterioration in his character. He did not care what became of him."

Western, his voice broken with sobs, told the naval officers sitting on the court: "People have always laughed at me because of my smallness, and at times I found myself not caring what I did. I never got any letters like other boys, and I seem to have no one to think of."

He was found guilty with another boy of a serious offence on board the ship. Both were ordered 12 strokes of the birch.

"Preserve Me From Getting Up Any More Plays!"

"I DO TRY AND GET GARLAND AGAIN, BUT I CAN'T GET IT PAST HER."

"I NOTICE THAT SHE'S VERY QUIET THIS TERM, GROWING TOO FAST I EXPECT."

"I MUST PUT HER IN MY HORLICK'S CRADLE."

"I DON'T THINK SHE'S EVER BEEN SO QUIET."

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From EUROPE and STRAITS.
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having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their dock in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd December, 1936, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period. For the examination of damaged durable goods, the consignee must arrange for a Revenue Officer to be present.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1936.

LOCAL MOTORISTS WARNED

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other lorry near the 20½ milestone on the Taipo Road.

The case was tried by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and the following Jury: Messrs. R. J. Shrigley (Foreman), Chung Man, Chung Chee-ling, Kwan Heung-chuen, J. F. Robinson, F. M. Silva, and A. Krilovsky.

Dr. G. H. Henry was re-called and disagreed with the suggestion of a witness that the woman fell into the ditch because the side of the lorry struck the pole on which she was carrying baskets of manure. The injuries, said Dr. Henry, were consistent with a direct impact in the back.

Accused, who gave evidence the previous day, was cross-examined. He agreed that on the day of the accident he said "the front off-side mudguard struck the woman but he had since forgotten to mention it.

Tong Kwong, a folk in the back of accused's lorry, said the woman was walking almost in the centre of the road and one basket caught on the side of the lorry, splintering her into the ditch.

NEGIGENCE ISSUE

His Lordship asked the jury to consider whether the accused took a chance which no prudent driver would have taken. If he took such a chance, the requisite degree of negligence was present to enable a verdict of guilty.

"It is no excuse for the accused to say: 'I sounded my horn and it is the woman's fault if she did not get out of my way.' That is not the law, thank Heaven!... Motorists are only entitled to their fair share of the road."

There was about nine feet of road space available for accused to overtake, continued His Lordship; and at the very least, two feet of this was taken up by the woman and her basket. The lorry was seven feet wide.

"If you think the defendant did sound his horn and expect the woman to scuttle into the ditch, that is no excuse... The motor car is not a Juggernaut, in spite of any popular fallacies to the contrary. If you think it is just 'bad luck' on the part of the motorist, who takes a chance, I must remind you also that that is not the law."

YOUNG LADY'S DEATH

PASSES AWAY IN HOSPITAL

We regret to record the death of Miss Consuelo Margarida Garcia, daughter of Mr. F. M. Garcia, of the Dollar Steamship Co., and Mrs. Garcia, which occurred at the French Hospital early this morning, at the age of 28 years. Deceased, who was in the service of Messrs. Petersen and Co., had been ill for only about two weeks. Much sympathy is felt for the parents and family in their bereavement.

The funeral takes place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery this evening, passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

A. D. H. HANDS, deceased; will all persons having claims against the estate of the late Mr. A. D. H. Hands, Imperial Airways, Ltd., submit same on or before 31st December, 1936, to:—

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS
(FAR EAST) LIMITED,
Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

NOTICE.

I have pleasure in announcing that Messrs. M. I. Ling and Y. C. Leung have this day been granted jointly and severally my personal power of attorney and that of my firm.

Signed:—G. A. HARRIMAN,
and G. A. Harriman & Company
Stockbrokers

11, Queen's Road Central
and at Sharebrokers Association

THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child.

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C., c/o G.P.O. Box No. 513, Hongkong, or the Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor; or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wan-chai; or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

CHIANG'S ADVISER SEES SETTLEMENT AT HAND IN NORTH

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quarters claim to have heard.—United Press.

Washington Shocked

Washington, Dec. 15.

The State Department lacks confirmation of the *Domestic News Agency* report of the execution of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, but the rumour has startled and shocked officials here, causing fears of protracted confusion in China and possible widespread repercussions in the Far East, upon which the United States would look with serious concern, although she would continue her policy of non-intervention.

Confirmation of Marshal Chiang's death would cause genuine regret, due to the fact that he is regarded as a strong leader, fostering the unification and pacification of China.

United Press.

"Red Murder"

Berlin, Dec. 16.

The press carries reports to-day that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has been executed.

Angri, in headlines, alleges: "RED MURDER OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK—Communist International's Bloody Work."

The German press generally charges Russia with responsibility for Marshal Chiang's kidnapping.—United Press.

Students Against Him

Peking, Dec. 16.

Even the students at North-eastern University of which Chang Hsueh-Liang is Chancellor, are against the rebel. The students' association of the Law and Literature departments have telegraphed Nanking declaring he has acted in collusion with Red bands and urge a punitive expedition against him "to vindicate law and discipline."

They have also telegraphed Chung, addressing him as "our teacher," and expressing amazement at his action and asking him to release Chiang Kai-shek.

General Fu Tso-yi, fighting the Mongol and Manchukuo irregulars in Suiyuan, has telegraphed Nanking that events in Sian make no difference to his campaign and that he is pushing on according to plan.—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS RECESS

London, Dec. 15.

The House of Commons, which will adjourn on Friday for the Christmas recess, will meet again on January 19. The usual weekly meeting of the Cabinet will be held tomorrow. It is expected that the Prime Minister will afterwards go to Chequers for a few days. He will leave London next Tuesday for a fortnight's Christmas holiday in Worcestershire.—British Wireless.

"SOME DRIZZLE"

The anticyclone is situated in the Pacific to the east of Japan and has attained great intensity. A continental depression is probably moving eastward to the north of the Yangtze Valley. Local forecast: East winds, fresh; cloudy generally; some drizzle.

Gardeners On Strike; Paris Goes Hungry

Paris, Dec. 16.

Market gardeners have struck, and though the shortage of supplies of vegetables is not yet acute, the volume of incoming produce to-day is only ten per cent. of the usual quantity—and, for that food with which steaks are garnished. Purse will go hungry.

The gardeners assert their strike is due to the fact that the cost of production is higher than the price paid by market dealers.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

NEW DUTIES ON MEATS

DOMINIONS STILL PROTECTED

London, Dec. 16.

The House of Commons carried by 205 to 123 and 213 to 123 respectively two resolutions imposing duties of three farthings in the pound on foreign meat and 10 to 20 per cent. ad valorem on boned and boneless beef and edible offals, excluding sweetbreads and canned goods. Empire products are exempted. A duty of 20 per cent. is also imposed on extracts and essences wholly derived from beef or veal and certain other classes.

The Financial Secretary to the Treasury described the resolution as the outcome of long and difficult negotiations with the Argentine and stated that the duties were expected to raise over £3,000,000 per annum.—British Wireless.

U. S. COMMODITY PRICES LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter.

New York Cotton

December 12, 12/02/63 12.55/55

January 12.46/47 12.32/33

March 12.43/44 12.32/32

May 12.32/32 12.22/22

July 12.19/20 12.11/12

October 11.80/82 11.72/73

Spot 13.03 12.92

New York Rubber

Dec. 19.10a 19.81in

March 19.20/21 19.01/93

May 19.14/14 19.82b/84n

July 19.07/07 19.77/77

Sept. 19.05n 19.77/77

Total sales: 4,680 tons.

Chicago Wheat

Dec. 135½/135 133½/133½

May 129½b 120½/120½

July 117½b 117½/117½

Monday's sales: 60,508,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

Dec. 109½/109½ 107½/100

May 103½/103½ 102½/102½

July 99½/100½ 97½/97½

Chicago Corn

May 105½/100 104½/104½

July 102½/102½ 100½/101

Winnipeg Wheat

Dec. 115½/115½ 120½b

May 118½/117 121½b

FINLAND PAYS

Washington, Dec. 15.

Finland to-day paid her War Debt instalment of U.S.\$231,315.50.—United Press.

Christmas Advertising

Advertisers requiring additional space in the "South China Morning Post" and "The Hongkong Telegraph" during the month of December, are requested to make their reservations as early as possible. In the interests of advertisers, we hope to distribute advertising evenly throughout the month, and in order to assist us, co-operation is invited.

From to-day only—

8 Shopping Days to Christmas

THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

BRITISH PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT

London, Dec. 15.

A financial resolution which is to be a prelude to the Government's Livestock Industry Bill, which will be one of the first measures to be considered by Parliament after the recess, was discussed in the House of Commons this evening.

The purpose of the Bill is described as to provide for the development and better organisation of the British, Portuguese and Russian in favour of strict renunciation of foreign intervention of the Spanish Civil War and the joint offer of mediation, and said:—The replies of the four Governments have now been received. The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics have given their support to the proposals and the German and Italian Governments, whilst doubtful of the successful outcome of the proposals for mediation, have expressed their readiness to examine any proposals which other Governments may formulate, and to participate in their eventual realisation.

The resolution imposes from to-morrow an import duty of three farthings per pound on chilled meat, of two-thirds of a penny on other beef and veal, and 20 per cent. ad valorem on boned and boneless beef and edible offals, excluding sweetbreads and canned goods. Empire products are exempted. A duty of 20 per cent. is also imposed on extracts and essences wholly derived from beef or veal and certain other classes.

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SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

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H. K. \$1,810 b.
H. K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), £108½ n.
Chartered Bank, £15 ¾ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £12 ¼ n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 ¾ n.
Insurances.
Canton Ins., \$300 n.
Union Ins., \$612½ b.
China Underwriters, \$100 n.
H. K. Fire, Ins., \$305 n.
Internal Assurance, Sh. \$1 ¼ n.
Shipping.
Douglas, \$30 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$7 40 n.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$35 n.
Indo-China (Def.), \$38 n.
Shell (Benzin), 124 ¼ n.
Union Waterboats, \$10 ½ n.
Docks etc.
H. K. Wharves (old), \$105 ½ n.
H. K. & W. Docks, \$13 ¾ n.
Providents (old), \$160 n.
Providents (new), 20 cts. n.
New Engineering, Sh. \$1 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$90 b.
Mining.
Kailan Mining Ad., 14/6 n.
Ratibus, \$13 10 b.
Venz: Goldfield \$8 b.
Phillipine Mining
Antamoks, P. 3.25
Atoko, P. .36
Baguio Gold, P. 21 ½
Balatoe Min., P. 14 ½
Benguet Consol., P. 13 ¾
Benguet Expl. P. 14
Big Wedges, P. 27
Consolidated Mines, P. .03
Demonstrations, \$1.06 ea.
Ipo Gold, P. .22
I. X. L. P. 1.30
Itogon, P. 1.20
Maribac Cons., P. .36
Northern Min., P. .18
Paracale Gumaus, P. 45 ½
Salacot Min., P. .05
San Mauricio, P. 2.10
Suyoc Consol., P. 34 ½
United Paracale, P. 1.05
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$6 ½ b.
H. K. Lands, \$35.4n.
H. K. Lands, 4% Deben.
\$105 n.
Shai Lands, Sh. \$13 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. \$10 n.
H. K. Realties, \$4.90 n.
Chinese Estates, \$78 n.
China Realties, Sh. \$4 n.
China Debentures Sh. \$60 n.
Public Utilities.
H. K. Tramways, \$12.15 n.
Peak Trams, (old), \$6 ¼ n.
Peak Trams, (new), \$23 ¼ n.
Star Ferries, (old), \$93 b.
Yaumati Ferries, (old), \$26 n.
China Lights, \$12.70 b.
China Lights, (new), \$10 ¼ n.
H. K. Electric, \$54 n.
Macau Electric, \$20 n.
Sandakan Lights, \$10 b.
Telephone (old), \$28.15 n.
Telephone (new), \$10 n.
China Buses, Sh. \$11 ¼ n.
Singapore Traction, 27/— n.
Singapore Pref., 27/— n.
Industrials.
Cald: Mack, (old), Sh. \$19 ½ n.
Cald: Maeg, (Pref.), Sh. \$15 n.
Canton Ices, \$2.20 n.
Cement, \$11 n.
H. K. Ropes, \$2.50 n.
Stores, &c.
Dairy Farm, \$20 n.
Watson, \$4.85 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$6 ¾ n.
Sinceres, \$3 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$50 n.
Cotton Mills.
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$13.70 n.
Shai Cottons, (old), Sh. \$85 n.
Shai Cottons, (new), Sh. \$60 n.
Zoong Sines, \$26 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$36 n.
Miscellaneous.
H. K. Entertainments, \$3 n.

France Can't Pay U.S. Now

BUT IS READY TO NEGOTIATE

Paris, Dec. 16. The French Government has sent a note to the United States intimating that France is unable to pay the instalment due on her War Debt, due at the beginning of 1937. However, the note says that negotiations might be resumed shortly regarding future payments.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

SPECIAL AMBASSADOR
Paris, Dec. 15. M. George Bonnet, former Finance Minister, has unofficially accepted M. Leon Blum's invitation to act as a special Ambassador at Washington for six months, in order to negotiate the resumption of War Debt payments. It is planned to begin discussions in this matter with the United States in January.

M. Bonnet's acceptance followed soundings of Parliament, which disclosed that much former hostility to the renewal of payments had disappeared.—United Press.

EXCHANGE

	Selling	Buying
T.T. Demand	1/2 18	1/2 18
T.T. Shanghai	.102	
T.T. Singapore	.52	
T.T. Japan	.105 24	
T.T. India	.01 12	
T.T. U.S.A.	.30	
T.T. Manila	.60	
T.T. Batavia	.55	
T.T. Bangkok	.150	
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"THERE ISN'T TIME..."

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twenty minutes here. You do the inside and I'll do the outside." And in this modern time-saving manner they "did" a building in which an old-fashioned tourist would have spent half the day.

Those Americans, who had reduced time-saving to such a fine art, were typical of their generation. By not wasting a minute anywhere, they were probably able to see our country in two weeks, all Europe in two months, and the whole world in less than a year. And by the end of that time they would know less about the world than they could have learnt by sitting quietly at home and reading Stevenson and a few other writers for whom the present generation has "no time."

The Miser's Hoard

Seeing a show-place in twenty minutes, reading a headline instead of an article and an article instead of a book, using a train instead of a coach, a car instead of trams, and an aeroplane instead of a car—these are the means by which we add to the amount of time at our disposal. And most of the time saved is promptly lost again.

The old misers used to live in squalor in order that they might save every possible penny. But as they never spent their money it was of no use to them and they might as well not have saved it... We live at break-neck speed in order that we may save every possible minute. And we never stop to think that if we do not make wise use of the time thus saved it is no more use to us than gold was to the misers.

What is the good of reducing the time taken over a journey unless we can make some profitable use of the time we save? And where is the sense of saying, "There isn't time for it in these days?" If there isn't time for a thing in these days, when was there ever time for it?

Robert Manning

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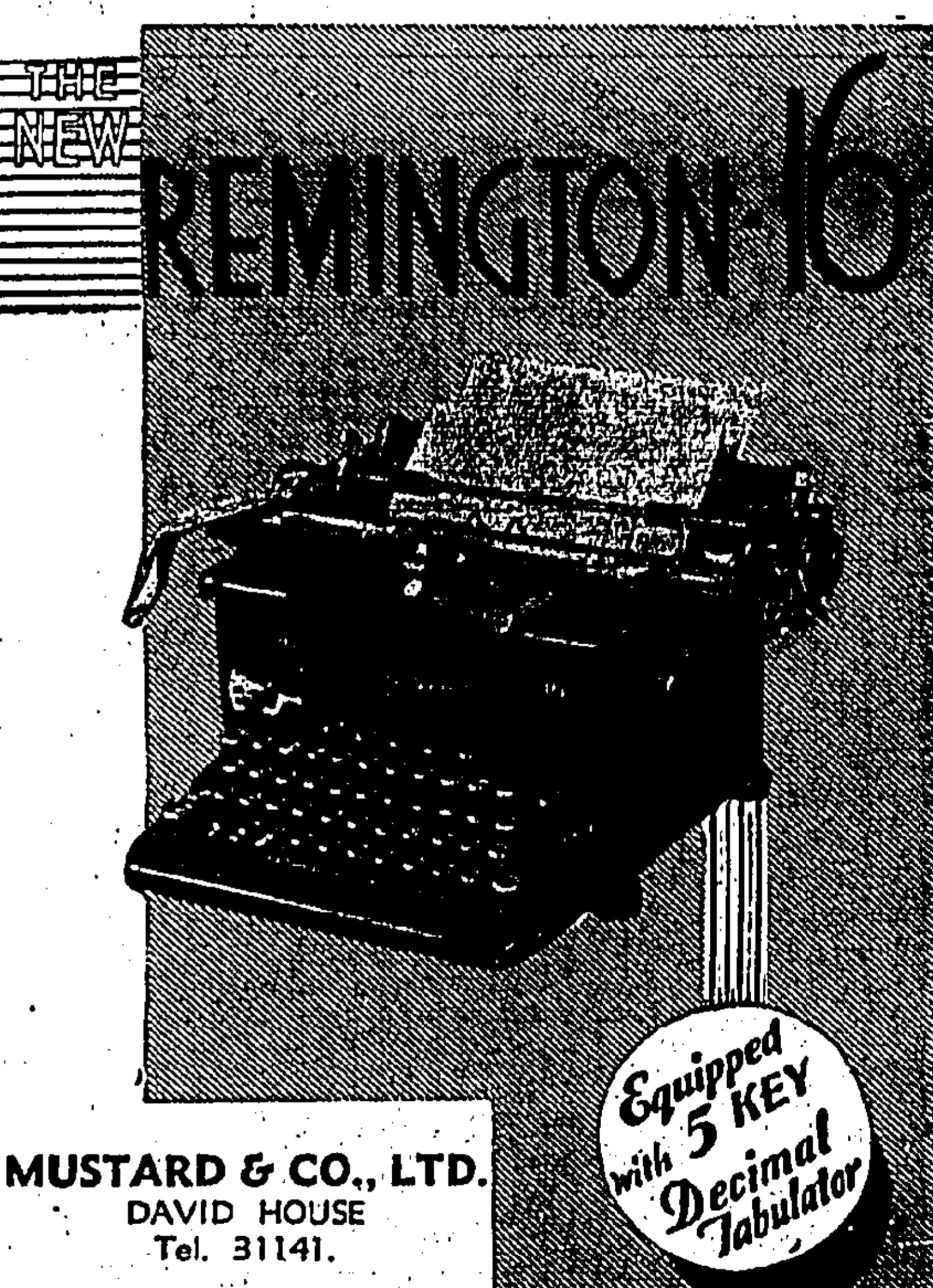
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DEATH

GARCIA.—At the French Convent Hospital, at 2.15 a.m. on December 16, 1936, Consuelo Margarita Garcia, aged 28 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1936

COLONY'S POVERTY PROBLEM

The magnitude of the task confronting charitable organisations in helping to relieve the lot of the poor and needy is strikingly illustrated in the annual report of the Society for the Protection of Children, the main features of which we published yesterday. The record for the past year shows that the Society dealt with far more cases than ever before in its history. Indicative of the value placed upon its work is the fact that during the year there were over 30,000 calls made at the Society's branches, whilst more than 3,000 visits to the homes of the poor were made by inspectors. It is impossible, by mere figures, to give any real impression of the deadweight of poverty which the Society's workers encounter, but some idea of how the poor subsist can be gathered from the fact that the average income per head per month of cases dealt with last year was \$1.73. This figure would be even more startling still if the record were confined to those actually assisted, as there are numbers of cases in which relatively well-to-do mothers call at the branches for advice. Actually, there were over 300 cases in which the families had no income at all. It is impossible within the confines of a brief article to touch on many aspects of the Society's work, which have a counterpart in that of other similar bodies. But there are two facts which deserve emphasis. The first is that there is no home for crippled children in Hongkong, and none for blind boys. Even for the treatment of children's complaints generally, the normal hospital accommodation in the Colony is totally inadequate. In such circumstances, there is no resisting the conclusion drawn that many children are compelled to place their only hope of survival in begging, either independently or for those who exploit them. The situation is one which cannot be viewed with complacency. A new difficulty is now being encountered by the decision to restrict hawkers' licences, hitherto a medium through which charitable bodies could find work for the deserving. The inevitable result is to increase the calls on these organisations. It is to be admitted that the establishment of a system of poor law relief would be a tremendous undertaking, but, in view of the resolve to reduce hawking to the eventual point of elimination, the authorities might well

His Excellency the Governor has suggested that the clock should be advanced half-an-hour in Hongkong, as a "daylight saving" measure. A contributor presents, in this article, some of the difficulties which would be encountered.

"TIME" is the "measurable aspect of duration" and to primitive peoples was most effectively demonstrated by the rising and setting of the sun, and the phases of the moon; to this day Calendars on the basis of the lunar month are in use among the nations of the world.

The day is, however, the fundamental unit in all systems of timekeeping and is the period during which the earth rotates once upon its axis. The "Julian" date, which is used in some astronomical calculations is expressed in this unit exclusively and is the number of days from 4713 B.C. January 1st.

HAVING postulated the importance of the day as the unit of time-keeping, consideration must be given to the manner in which it is employed throughout the world. A revolution of the earth upon its axis is marked by successive periods of light and darkness in any particular place, and if the surface of the earth as a whole is considered, it follows that simultaneously one half is in darkness and the other is illuminated.

The majority of mankind toils during the bright hours and sleeps during the hours of darkness, and in consequence it has become customary to regulate waking actions by the sun, or in what is known as local time.

Although local time necessarily varies to the extent of 24 hours in a journey round the world, no exception can be taken to its use by an isolated community, but with the establishment of communications over large distances, by ships, railway trains and aircraft, uniformity of time over considerable areas is essential to smooth working of transport and the facilitation of commerce.

In the various almanacs will be found the means by which this has been accomplished, i.e., by dividing the circumference of the earth into 24 equal parts and employing the same time throughout the zone thus demarcated. Each zone is a definite number of hours in advance of, or behind Greenwich mean time.

The extent of a zone is such that places on the eastern edge lost half an afternoon daylight and gain half an hour in the morning. At the western extremity the opposite conditions prevail, and only in the centre of the zone does standard time correspond with the local mean time.

HONGKONG is situated near the western extremity of the zone in which the time of the 120th meridian is adopted, and in consequence has permanently advanced the clock by approximately 23 minutes.

The time used is actually 8 hours in advance of Greenwich Mean Time and it must here be noted that Greenwich Mean Time is standard time of reference for the world, is extensively quoted in a multitude of official notices, and is so much in evidence nowadays that it is great convenience to remember that the time in a district differs from Greenwich Mean Time by a definite number of hours.

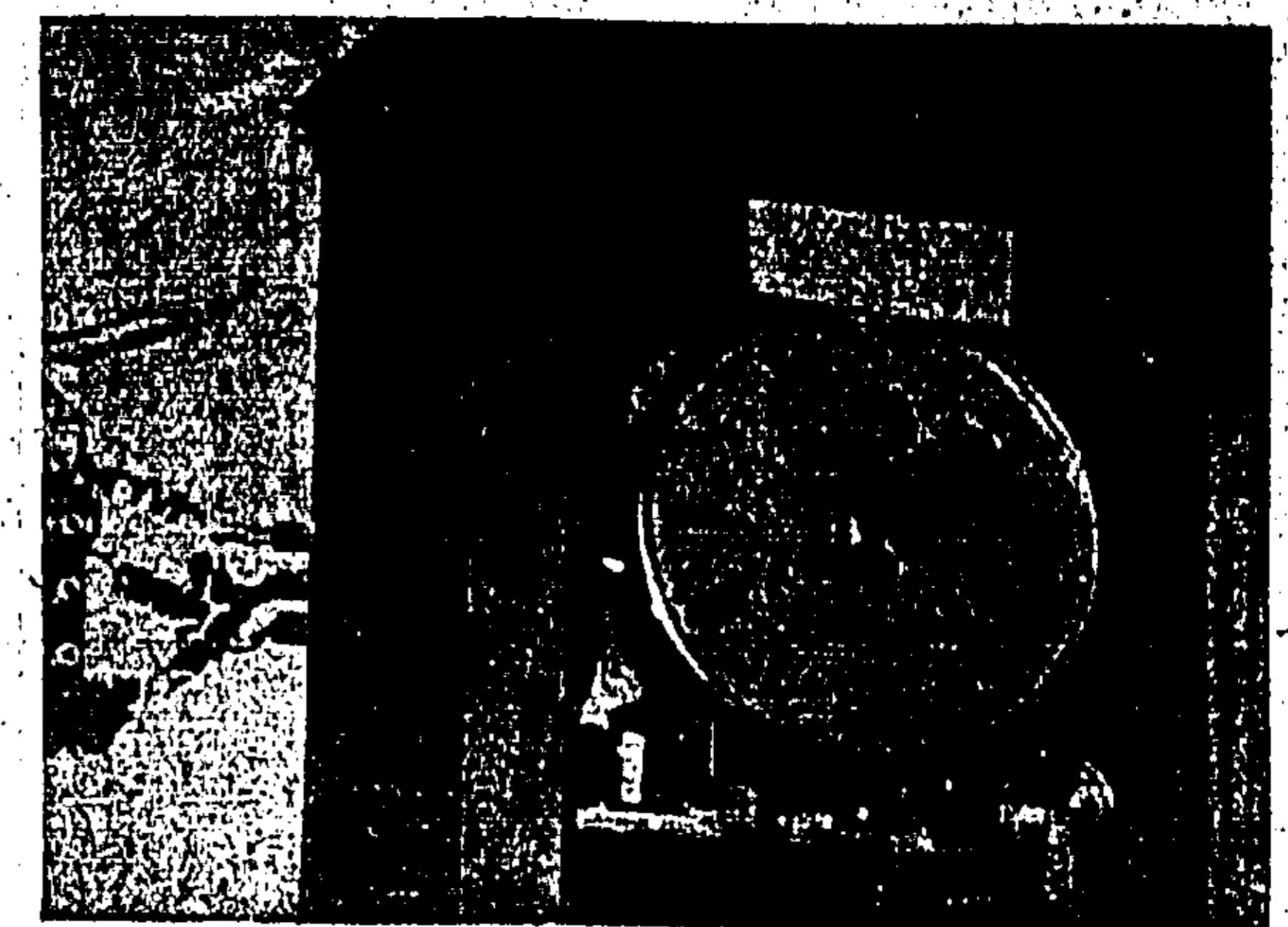
The proposal now before the Hongkong community is that the clock should be permanently advanced half an hour in order that additional daylight should be available for sport.

The term "daylight saving" is a misnomer, as any system of time-keeping which gives extra in the evening curtails the daylight of the morning.

It is impossible to "save" daylight. It is true that it can

consider the possibility of instituting a modified form of that system, with a panel of representatives of charitable bodies assisting in an advisory capacity, something along the lines of the duties formerly discharged by Boards of Guardians at Home. The Government has its responsibilities in this matter of social service, and these are not fully discharged by the method of making grants to societies. The whole issue is one which deserves investigation by a commission appointed for the purpose.

He was not alone. Most of us share his enthusiasm for modern time-saving methods, and we like to share his inability to make use of the time saved. In learning how



This Mean Time Clock at the Royal Observatory keeps correct time for the Colony of Hongkong.

If every available field and tennis court is fully occupied with players for a sufficient time each evening, what proportion of the population would be thus represented? Would it be as large as that which would be compelled to arise in the darkness of the new early morning to administer to the comfort and well-being of the whole population?

Are we too primitive for daylight saving?

varying with a number of circumstances.

The majority of strenuous games are played between October 1 and March 31, during which period the time of sunset varies from 5.38 p.m. to 6.17 p.m.

This gives the conscientious worker an average of 58 minutes during the winter and an addition of 30 minutes would still be inadequate when the time taken up in travel from office to playing field and the usual changing of attire is taken into consideration. It would therefore appear that half an hour is insufficient for the purpose and the discussion of any period less than one hour is rather trifling with the question.

Before leaving the subject of sport, special reference must be made to the playing of golf at Fanling. It is quite impossible to play there on week-days without encroaching upon working hours, while upon Sunday, the time available for play rests upon the player himself. The first train leaves Kowloon before 7 a.m. and there is nothing to deter ardent players from utilising it; in fact older members of the Golf Club must have pleasant recollections of days spent at Fanling in congenial company under these conditions.

The aspirations of the Colony Week-end golf at Fanling depends upon transport, and no amount of meddling with clocks will alter the fact that the ploughs into a parallel experiment. Surely "daylight saving" should be reserved for countries (even small ones) and not indulged in by solitary towns.

"THERE ISN'T TIME . . . !"

The Price We Pay For Speed

to save time we have all forgotten how to spend it.

We fly, we drive fast cars, we telephone and cable, we broadcast, we have newspapers printed in such a way that the news can be gleaned from the headlines in a few moments. We have quick-lunch counters, we listen-in to operas and plays and sporting events instead of going to see them, we read "Outlines" which condense the knowledge of the ages into a few chapters, we have a hundred thousand devices all unknown a century ago and all devoted to the same purpose—the purpose of saving time. And the more time we save the less time we have in which to do anything worthwhile.

Few of us have time to read anything but the lightest and shortest of novels; anything else is, as my time-saving friend said of Dickens, too long-winded. We have no time to read the newspapers; we just skim through the headlines and the one or two columns that attract our attention.

We have no time to master the piano or the violin; we have to get our music ready-made from a famous old abbey one of them

looked at his watch and said to his companion, "We can only spare

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Ready-Made

The Victorian drawingroom pianist may have played badly on occasions, but she at least knew what she was playing. The modern possessor of a radiogram, hearing the pick of the world's music every day of his life, has "no time" to study it or try to understand it.

We have "no time" to study anything for ourselves. We get our opinions from the leading article in our daily paper, and since we have "no time" to read a long reasoned article, this leader generally consists of a few dogmatic sentences which we can read quickly, memorise easily, and repeat thoughtlessly.

We have to do everything in a hurry. We eat in a hurry, travel in a hurry, work in a hurry, and amuse ourselves in a hurry. And the hurried eating destroys our digestion, the hurried work wears us out without giving us any compensating benefits, and the hurriedly taken amusements bore us so much that we are always rushing on to others—ever more hurried and more boring still.

In short, we are so obsessed with the idea of speed that we spend all our time rushing about without knowing in the least where we are rushing to or why we are rushing to it.

I once heard of two Americans who were "seeing Britain." Arriving at a famous old abbey one of them looked at his watch and said to his companion, "We can only spare

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By VICTOR BURNETT,

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The young Dutchman's name was Anthony Fokker. The new idea he brought stood unchanged through the years. Fighters were faster, more efficient, more expensive—but in principle they were the same.

Last week the entire aviation world saw that its ideas had to be changed. Anthony Fokker's latest warplane was responsible. For the second time the Dutchman had changed military ideas.

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In Paris, at the aviation exhibition every one was asking which air force the Scythe was intended for. I can answer that question.

The Royal Dutch Air Force will be equipped with them first.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

THE PATH OF DUTY IS NEAR AT HAND: MEN SEEK IN WHAT IS REMOTE.—Proverb.

Among the latest appointments to the Colonial Service is that of Mrs. D. H. Stockford to be Nursing Sister, Hongkong.

A motor accident occurred near the Post Office yesterday afternoon, when a man named Tse Chiu, aged 47, was knocked down by a motor car. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

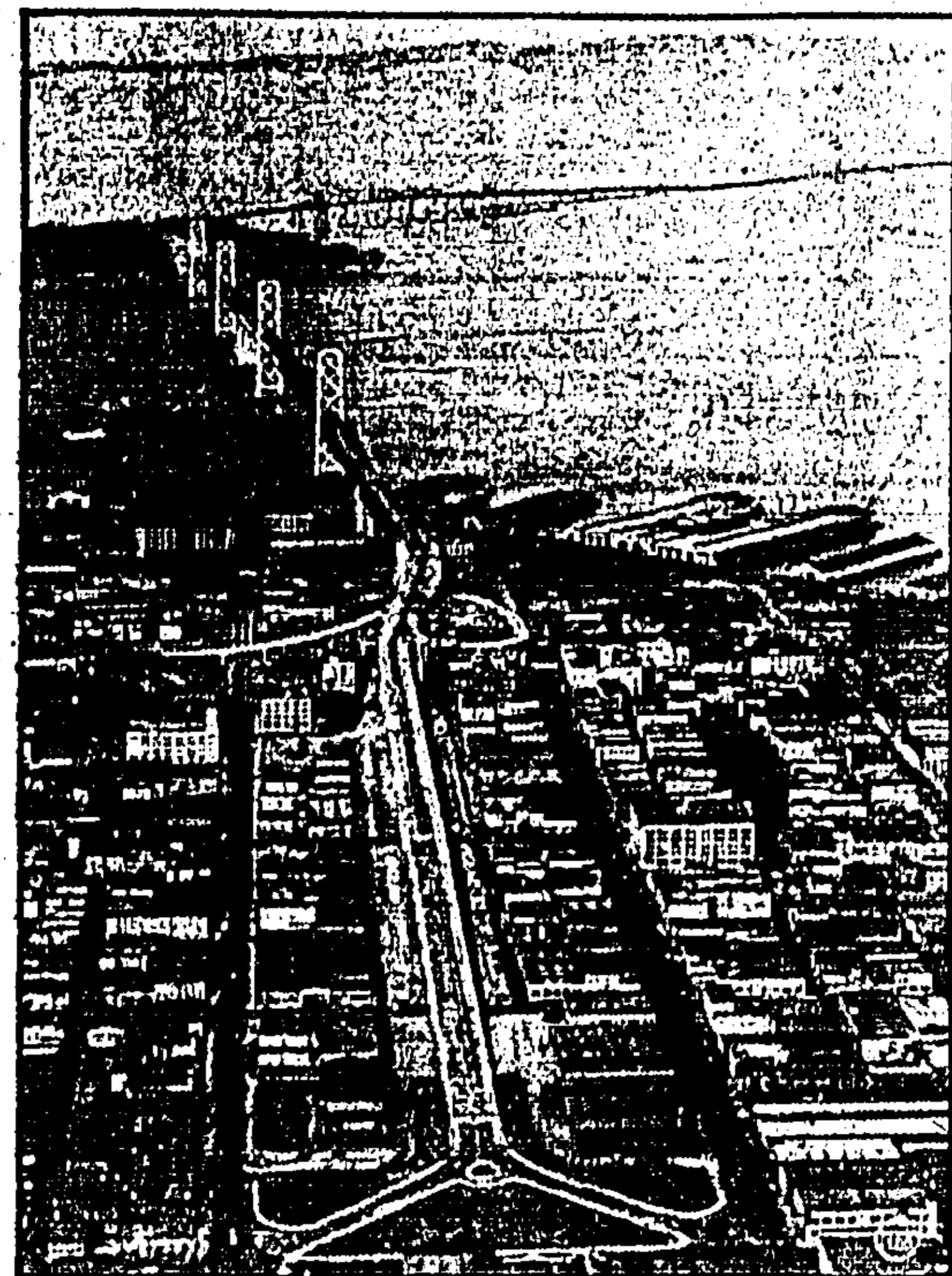
Yesterday being the end of the month of Ramadan, the Mohammaden community in Hongkong is celebrating the festival of Id-ul-Fitr to-day. A special service was held at the Mosque in Shelley Street this morning.

St. Andrew's Club Christmas Carnival Dance will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Thursday, December 17, 1936, from 9.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. Tickets \$1.50 (including refreshments) may be had from members. Dress, fancy or evening.

Two Chinese were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday. Leung Kwan, 34, of 824 Canton Road, was taken to the institution suffering from an injury received when a sheet of iron fell on him in Bulkeley Street, Hung Hom. Tse Chan, 30, of Pak Ting village, Kowloon City, was treated for chopper wounds which were inflicted on him by another Chinese.

Following an attempt to dispose of a stolen bicycle in Wanchoi yesterday, an unemployed man, Wong Fat-yuen, aged 24, was taken into custody and brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning where he admitted having stolen the bicycle which belonged to Tse Chan, a student, who had left the machine in Connaught Road Central for few minutes. Defendant, who had a clear police record, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

An unemployed man named Leung Ping-wong, aged 28, was sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment by Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning for possession of a revolver and four rounds of ammunition without a permit from the Inspector General of Police. Defendant, who came from Canton, was arrested two weeks ago, coming off from the Shamshui Po Ferry in Connaught Road Central. Det.-Inspector McMurphy prosecuted.



Here's a new air view of the 77-million-dollar San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, world's longest span, opened to traffic Nov. 12. View shows Berkeley and Oakland across the bay, the cable span from Oakland to Yerba Buena Island, the east portal of the double-decked tunnel through the island, and the massive tandem suspension spans from the island to the San Francisco mainland. Nearest are the routes by which traffic has been diverted. In the centre, the circle indicates the lateral approaches connecting the bridge with the Embarcadero and downtown San Francisco, extending to the bottom of photograph is the main approach viaduct, terminating in the Fifth-st plaza, with the final diversion of traffic to main arteries in San Francisco.

NEW BOOKS CHINA IS IN THE NEWS IN LATEST RELEASES

Of books on the East, there is no end. Two which have just been published—"Gods of To-morrow: A Journey Through Asia and Australasia," by William Teeling; Lovat Dickson, Ltd., London; 12s. 6d., and "Manchukuo: Jewel of Asia," by D. M. B. Collier and Lieut.-Col. C. L'E. Malone; George Allen & Unwin, Ltd., London; 12s. 6d.)—will be found of compelling interest, though the former naturally covers a broader horizon than the latter.

Mr. Teeling, who will be remembered as having addressed the Hongkong Literary Club last year, took the occasion provided by his visit to Australia in connection with the Melbourne centenary celebrations, to tour the East for the purpose of learning about British colonial methods and also how dangerous to Britain if dangerous she were, is Japan. The book, however, goes much further than that—it gives a most entertaining account of his voyagings and conveys the author's obvious determination to give an impartial account of all he saw and heard. For the most part, Mr. Teeling employs the method of retelling the views and opinions of the various people he met, though injecting these with reflections of his own.

Hongkong he describes as the most lovely place among the British Colonies he visited, and he adds that nowhere during his two years of travel did he find Britshers more interested in life and, on the whole, so optimistic. "There seemed, especially amongst the younger men, a tremendous interest in the future and only a great impatience at the way they were held back by the elder business men and by old-fashioned business methods from developing further into South China. There was only one criticism one could make of business in Hongkong, and that the younger men, who seemed of a far better type than the younger men of Singapore or Ceylon, were held back by the senior men, who tell them not to bother about the expense of travelling into China for orders, but rather to hang about the clubs and tennis courts of Hongkong (and presumably finally marry the daughters of their worrying wives)."

In this connection, Mr. Teeling says he found only half a dozen young men who were constantly visiting the interior of South China. The South Chinese feel this very strongly and mentioned it to me on more than one occasion, especially the Kwangsi authorities, who pointed out that we have not even got a resident Consul in the whole of their province."

There is much more about conditions in South China generally and the ills on which Britain should operate commercially. Japan, of course, also figures largely in the book. The author thinks the European and American nations should be firm but friendly with her, least to think she may be made a friend.

Elsewhere, the view is expressed that there is no reason in the world why countries should not make agreements with Japan, be civil to her, and give her fair play; but all the time she must be watched and never be allowed to take more than one is willing to give her. None the less, Mr. Teeling concedes that, according

to her lights, Japan is doing right in taking everything she can—for her own nation when she can.

Of Manchukuo, the author thinks it should be administered as mandated territory. Bit by bit, he says Japan is getting bored with this new business. The Japanese have spent millions on Manchukuo and are not finding it remunerative; General Araki is far from conquering it and far from feeling that it is a real asset against Russia. The suggestion of people who know Japan and Manchukuo well, according to Mr. Teeling, is that one day Japan will be willing to get rid of this problem.

The book is crammed full of forceful observations, both in running comment and in final conclusions. It bears the stamp of deep sincerity and will be found of deep interest from cover to cover.

JEWEL OF ASIA

"Manchukuo: Jewel of Asia," by D. M. B. Collier and Lieut.-Col. C. L'E. Malone (George Allen & Unwin, Ltd., London; 12s. 6d.) is a different stamp of book. In it, the authors have attempted a survey of the new State in its many aspects.

Not only is the volume concerned with political issues, but there is much of interest in regard to the life of the people, their customs, religious beliefs, etc. The book also contains a summarized historical survey of the Far East, going back to the very earliest times.

On political matters, and on the actual accomplishments of the new regime, the authors give a fair presentation of the facts, praising where praise is due, and criticising where criticism is called for. Two great evils are stressed—banditry and prostitution. The evidence of travellers, it is claimed, does not bear out the contention that Japan has reduced the number of bandits, and the further point is made that, unfortunately for the natives of Manchukuo, the worst type of Japanese are entering the country. The extreme arrogance of the Japanese troops is also commented upon with the observation that it is deplored by the Kwangsi authorities, who pointed out that we have not even got a resident Consul in the whole of their province."

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4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7-11 p.m. European Programme.

7 p.m. Italian Music.

"La Sonnambula" (Bellini)—Could I believe... Toto Dal Monte, "Ful-stant!" (Verdi)—From Secret Caves and Bowers... (Soprano); "La Forza del Destino" (Verdi)—Swear in this hour... Beniamino Gigli (tenor), and Giuseppe de Luca (Baritone); "I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—A word allow me! A song of tender memories... Apollo Granforte, (Baritone); "I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—On with the Motley, "Andrea Chenier" (Giordano)—Gazing one day into the boundless blue... Aurelano Perilli (Tenor).

7.30 p.m. Stock Quotations.

7.35 p.m. Three Light Saxophone Solos by Howard Jacobs.

At Daylight (Cadmian); From the land of the sky-blue water (Cadmian); I love the moon (Rubens).

7.45 p.m. From the Studio.

The Third of a series of talks on "The Early Days of Cricket" by R. Abbit.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. A Band Concert.

Flute Solo—Fantaisie Caractéristique (Andersen)... Edith Penville; Vocal—When evening's twilight (Hutton)... Sweet and low (Tennyson-Barnby).... The Salsbury Sliders; Bands—Standfast and true (Teixeira, arr. Biggood)... Grand Massed Brass Bands; Bands—Minstrel Memories (arr. Rimmer); Awayside Sanctuary—Idyll (MacKenzie)... Grand Massed Brass Bands; Vocal—Annie Laurie (Trad.; arr. Batten)... Heddle Nash and Male Quartette; Band—Blaze away—March (Holzmann).... Columbia German Band.

8.30 p.m. Trolze and His Mandolins, with Don Carlos.

9 p.m. News and Announcements.

9.20 p.m. From the Studio.

"Music Light and Gay."

Mary Gray (mezzo-soprano), Olga Morgan (Piano), Prue Lewis (Violin) and Galton d'Aquino (Tenor).

10 p.m. Big Ben.

10 p.m. March Weber and His Orchestra.

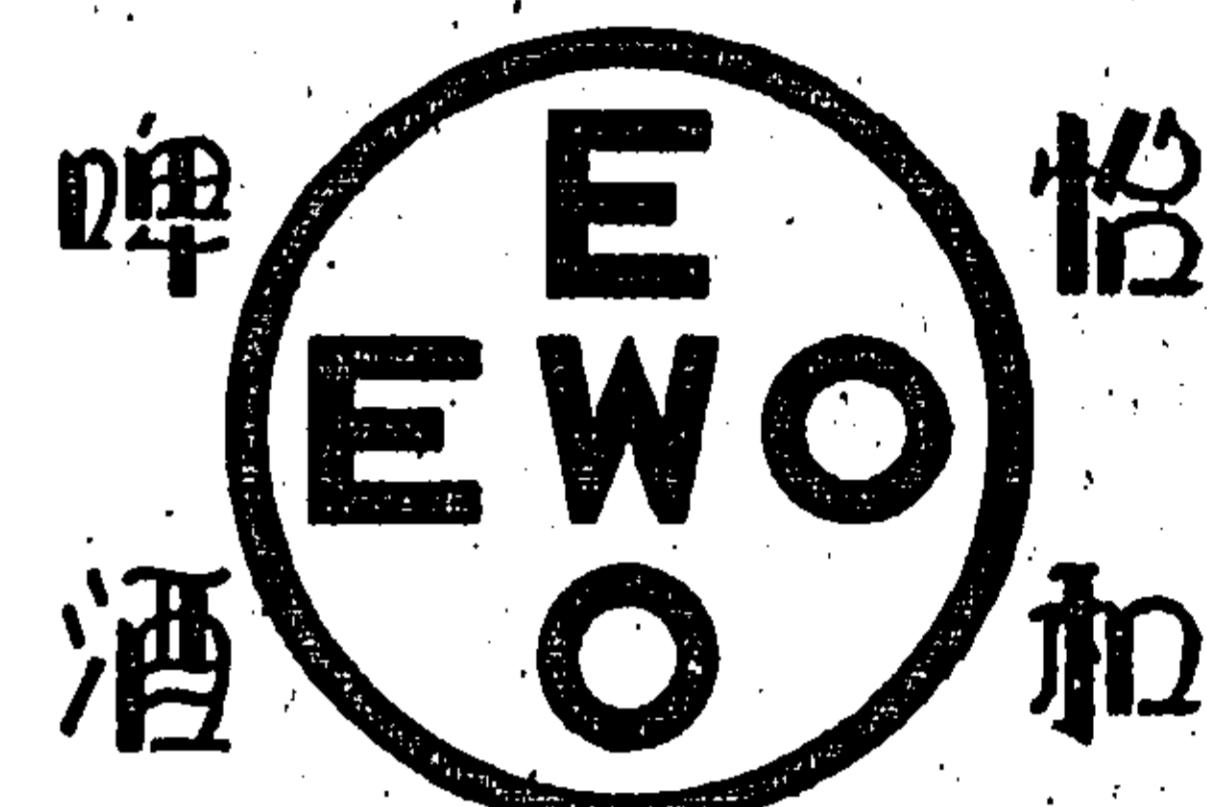
Reminiscences of Grieg (arr. Urbach); Suite Orientale (Poppy); Faithful Jumping Jack (Heykens); Standchen (Heykens); Columbine's rendezvous (Heykens); Song of Paradise (King).

10.30 p.m. Dance Music.

11 p.m. Close Down.

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WEEK-END CRICKET

Royal Artillery Team To Meet Small Units

The following will represent the Royal Artillery against the Small Units in the semi-final round of the Large Units Cricket Tournament on Sunday, December 20, at Sookunpoong at 11.30 a.m.:

Lieut. C. C. Garttawale (Capt.), Capt. D. B. Michell, Mr. Gnr. Sullivan, Sergeant Howe, Bombardier Baker, Bombardier Bancroft, L/Bdr. Hebdon, L/Bdr. Miles, Gunner Chaplin, Bombardier Sumner (24) and Gunner Marshall (24). Umpire: Sgt. Bloomfield; Scorer: Gunner Stokes.

THE TEST MATCH

W. A. Brown Dropped For O'Brien

Sydney, Dec. 15. O'Brien, the Victorian left-hander, replaces W. A. Brown for the second Test Match.—*Reuter*.

Don Bradman (Capt.), S. J. McCabe, C. L. Badcock, O'Brien, J. H. Flingleton, A. G. Chipperfield, M. W. Sievers, W. J. O'Reilly, W. A. Oldfield, R. Robinson, E. L. McCormick and F. A. Ward.

BROADCAST OF TESTS

EYE-WITNESS'S ACCOUNT OF REMAINING MATCHES

As in the First Test, Station VK3LR, Melbourne, will broadcast "An Eye-witness's Account" of the remaining Test matches between England and Australia.

The broadcasts will begin at 9.55 a.m. (Hongkong time), stopping for fifteen at 11.30 a.m., and will continue from 12.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. A resume of each day's play will be given from 5 p.m. to 6.10 p.m. for the duration of the match.

Station VK3LR will operate on a wave-length of 31.34 metres (9,580 kilocycles).

HOME RUGBY CAMBRIDGE LOSE UNEXPECTEDLY

London, Dec. 15. Cambridge University, who last won the annual Inter-Varsity rugby match against Oxford, were unexpectedly beaten in Scotland today when they played Edinburgh Academy.

The Academy won by the hand-score of 21 points to 12.—*Reuter*.

KENT CLUB'S SURPRISE SHELVING OF FREEMAN

(By Frank Thorogood)

Kent County Cricket Club Committee has decided not to re-engage "Tich" Freeman, their famous bowler, for next season.

Mr. G. de L. Hough, the secretary, announcing the decision, said that in view of Freeman's exceptional services he would receive £250 on retirement and would be paid his wages next summer.

An official of the Kent club could give no explanation of the committee's decision, but said: "Of course, we have got to make room for our young players."

Speaking to me on the phone at his home at Maldstone, Freeman said:

"All I can tell you about this bombshell is that the news has simply staggered me."

"The first and only intimation which I received about my dismissal—it's a sad word, isn't it?—came from newspaper correspondents over the phone."

"I can only say it will be a very great wrench indeed for me, this separation from Kent after being associated with the old county for 20 years."

Writing the swan song of Freeman is very much like writing the swan song of Kent, for this great little bowler, at the age of 47, is still regarded as one of the greatest exponents of his art in this country.

For a number of years he has had to go on and on with very little support from other bowlers.

But he has kept up his end with good humour and untiring enthusiasm.

His great services to the county really began about 1920, although he joined the Kent staff two years before the war.

His peak year was 1922, when he took 324 wickets and broke the record of Tom Richardson, the old fast bowler of Surrey. In each of the following seven seasons he took over 200.

With one exception, the margin over the 200 was very considerable.

WAR WAGED ON LEATHERJACKETS Appeal From Clubs Of All Nations

(By G. W. R. Smith)

It is seldom that the average golfer, when he has a complaint to make about the condition of his course, goes further than casting a few aspersions on the ability of the club secretary or the greenkeepers.

For one thing, he knows precious little about the art of grass culture, and is in no position to back up his complaints with reasoned remedies. His experience of grass is usually confined to a garden lawn plentifully sprinkled with plantains, dandelions, and other local flora.

It would amaze him, I think, to see some of the work that is constantly being done behind the scenes in an attempt to rid golf courses of pests and plants that wage war on turf, and to provide perfect greens and fairways in most unfavourable circumstances.

High up on the moors at Bingley, in Yorkshire, is the station of the Board of Greenkeeping Research, an institution maintained by the British golf union for the scientific investigation of greenkeeping problems.

There are some twenty acres of land, offices, and laboratories, and experiments are carried out and mysterious diseases investigated for clubs in all parts of the world.

There is a staff of twenty, headed by Mr. R. B. Dawson, the director of research, Mr. R. B. Ferro, his chief assistant, and including five scientists, one of whom is a woman, Miss Lovibond.

SAMPLES of earth and soil, parcels of grubs and insects, letters pleading for advice reach the station by the thousand every year.

In the index room, where a card is kept of every experiment, there are records of work done for "clients" in Russia, Holland, France, Spain, Italy, China, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and America.

Representatives travel all over the British Isles investigating complaints and often bringing back hundreds of samples for analysis.

There are a number of laboratories where insects and grubs are kept in test tubes, each complete with a description of the pest's particular form of grass-destroying vice.

A special war is being waged just now on the leather jacket—commonly known as daddy long-legs.

MORE FUNDS NEEDED.

MR. DAWSON told me that the expenses of the station are about £4,500 a year. "With increased funds we could do a great deal more," he added. "Last year we were consulted by 800 clubs, and the staff were kept busy all the time."

Another important side of the station's work is the training of future golf secretaries. Every year numerous aspirants to this type of job go to Bingley for training in the laying-out and upkeep of courses.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Army Will Not Be At Full Strength Against Club

The Army will not be at full strength to-day in their Triangular Hockey Tournament (second round) match against the Club on the H.K. S.R.A. Marlin ground at 4.30 p.m.

No fewer than four of their regular players are not available for the game. Sapper Howlett (goal-keeper) and Sapper Brown (right half) are on duty, while Bandsman Cox (right back) and Khan Bahadur (left back) are sick.

The following will turn out:

Cpl. Boyd (R.U.R.); Rfmr. Logue (R.U.R.); Kishen Singh (H.K.S.R.A.); L/Cpl. Mooro (R.U.R.), Capt. Stapleton (Kumon Rifles), Alf Din (Punjabis); Lieut. Robinson (East Lancs.), Lieut. Garthwaite (R.A.); Rfmr. Patnub (Kumon Rifles), L/N/Lark Narain Singh (Kumon Rifles), and Lal Singh (Punjabis).

LADIES' COMPETITIONS

SEVEN-A-SIDE MATCHES TO BE PLAYED ON SAME DAY

At a meeting of the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association held on Monday, it was decided to hold the Ladies' Seven-a-Side Competition on the Central British School ground on January 9. All the matches will be played on the same day.

The Knill Cup junior competition will be amalgamated with the Pearce Cup series, the former trophy to be presented to the runners-up. The draw for the contest will be made on the ground before the commencement of the competition.

SUSSEX PLAYERS' GESTURE

Sussex County Cricket professionals have voluntarily agreed to accept a 5 per cent. reduction in their salaries in an effort to improve the financial position of the club. This will mean a saving of about £200 per year. Early this month Mr. V. L. Knowles, Secretary of the Club, and Mr. W. W. Newham, Assistant Secretary, offered to accept reduced salaries. In the past two seasons Sussex have lost £3,600, and the overdraft now amounts to £6,000.

Rugby Club Records

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CHIEF LONDON

	4	0	6	78	100
Blackheath	4	0	5	59	59
Harrow	4	0	5	59	59
Leeds Irish	4	0	5	59	59
London Welsh	4	0	5	59	59
Richmond	4	0	5	59	59
Rugby Pk.	4	0	5	59	59
Watford	4	0	5	59	59

OTHER LONDON

	4	1	1	60	82
Allion	4	1	1	60	64
Arundel Asht.	4	0	4	55	64
Barnet	4	0	1	11	42
Brentwood	4	0	1	11	42
Dartmouth	4	1	2	61	52
Finsbury	4	1	2	61	47
Harrow	4	1	2	61	47
Harrow Hall	4	1	2	61	47
London	4	1	1	57	51
Homer Oak Pk.	4	1	1	57	51
Kingston	4	1	3	55	40
Leyton	4	1	3	55	27
London Univ.	4	1	3	55	27
London, U. Ven.	4	1	3	55	119
Ongar	4	1	3	55	64
Harlow	4	1	3	55	64
Slade	4	1	3	55	64
Sloane	4	1	3	55	64
Tot. II.	4	1	3	55	64
Tot. III.	4	1	3	55	64
Watling	4	1	3	55	64
West Ham	4	1	3	55	64

SERVICES

	2	1	4	34	34
City Service	2	1	4	34	34
City Own	2	1	4	34	34
L.R.B.	2	1	4	34	34
Met. Police	2	0	4	30	30
R.C.M. Sandh.	2	1	2	124	101
R.N.H.C. Keyham	2	0	7	66	148
U.S. Portm.	2	0	1	109	60

HOSPITALS AND BANKS

	4	1	2	80	80
Hanley	4	1	2	80	80
Kings Coll.	4	1	2	80	80
Midland Bk.	3	0	5	72	40
Nat. Prov. Bk.	3	0	1	121	41
St. Thomas'	2	0	1	121	41

HOUSE CLUBS

	1	0	1	158	22
Leeds	4	0	2	158	22
Levenswick	3	0	2</		

"RETREAT" BY
ULSTERS
PROGRAMME FOR
TO-MORROW

The Band and Bugles of the 1st Battalion the Royal Ulster Rifles will play Retreat to-morrow (Thursday) at 9.15 p.m. on Murray Parade Ground. This will be the final appearance of the Band and Bugles on the Murray Ground. The programme will be as follows:

1. Band and Bugles, "Les Poilus."
2. Band, "Officer of the Day."
3. Bugles, "4th Durhams."
4. Band, "Regt., March of the Connacht Rangers."
5. Bugles, "Austria."
6. Band, "Irish Airs."
7. Band and Bugles, "Royal South Downs."
8. God save The King.

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TO-NIGHT'S DEBATE ON
DAYLIGHT SAVING
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The most topical of all local subjects—Daylight Saving—is to be debated at the European Y.M.C.A. tonight. Mr. P. S. Cassidy, who will open the discussion, will ask whether Hongkong really needs Daylight Saving. The meeting which starts at 9 o'clock, is confined to members only of the Y.M.C.A.

RECENT BAZAAR

The Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children desires to acknowledge with grateful thanks, gifts by the following firms to the recent sale of work: Messrs. Loxley and Co. Ltd., John D. Hutchison and Co. Ltd., Lane, Crawford Ltd., Dairy Farm Co. Ltd., Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. A. S. Watson and Co. Ltd., the Gloucester Hotel, Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Arts and Crafts, Ltd., Colonial Dispensary, Shaeffer Co. Ltd., Wing On Co. Ltd., Asia Co., China Emporium; also to Messdames Alabaster, Crapnell and Keen for assistance rendered, to all who generously contributed to the various stalls, and to the Press, European and Chinese, for appreciated publicity.

BILLIARD TOURNEYS
Local Championships Now
Being Organised

In view of last year's success, the second annual championships of the Hongkong Amateurs Billiards Association are now being organised.

Entry forms have already been sent out to the public and the various clubs which are interested. They are reminded that the entries close on December 20, 1936.

Individuals joining the Association pay \$2 a year, which entitles them to join either the Senior or Junior Championship free of charge. Clubs wishing to join the Association have to pay \$10 a year.

The entrance fee for the Senior Championship is \$3 and the Junior Championship \$2.

Further particulars may be had from Mr. B. Hamson, of Lane, Crawford Ltd. (Sports Department), who has taken over the Hon. Secretarship of the Association.

At a meeting of the Hongkong Teachers' Association at St. Joseph's College on December 17 at 5.15 p.m. Dr. Hareraves will lecture on "The Aims and Functions of a Medical Service to Schools."

A POSSIBLE OXFORD COX
DISCUSSED IN TERMS
OF HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

(By Conrad Skinner)

MOST people with a heart have been interested by the picture and attendant publicity of the cheerful nipper who is already spoken of as Oxford's possible cox for 1937. He stands 3ft. high, weighs 3st. 18lb., and looks as bright and jolly as they make them. Everybody will wish him, and Oxford, good luck if the matter comes to a favourable decision.

I am, however, more interested in the apparent restlessness of the old weight boater, and I should like to discuss the latter theoretically, without any reference to the gifts and personality of the winsome Mr. H. P. Massey (of Balliol), whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. I shall do no more than dispassionately use his measurements and weight, trusting that he will grant me that much licence.

First, then, here is a candidate four to five stone short of the normal coxing weight, and that invites a crude sum in mathematics.

Taking a good average crew at 1,400lb., boat and oars at 400lb.,

and a typical cox at something round 120lb., the total dead weight of 1,920lb. is going to undergo a reduction of 60lb. owing to the potential treasure Oxford has unearthed—namely one pound in every thirty-four.

If speed were going to vary precisely in inverse ratio to dead weight (that is, if the extra 60lb. of dead weight were going to be so disposed as to increase in exact proportion the air- and water-resistance, which constitute the chief known brakes on speed of any given crew) we should expect a speed-increase roughly equivalent to the said fraction, or some 700ft. from Putney to Mortlake—approximately 11 lengths, in fact.

A MISGUIDED EXPERIMENT

But although my mathematics will not rise to a true assessment, I am aware that it would amount to nothing like so much as that. The addition of 60lb. to Mr. Massey would not increase water-resistance in that precise proportion, whilst the air-resistance of any coxswain at all must be largely negligible—owing to his "streamlined" screening by the crew.

Another important consideration is to keep low the centre of gravity in order to minimise the liability to roll. For this reason, when I sank my seat nearly to the keel of the boat in 1912—a scheme which defeated its purpose. My useful inches—considerable for a cox—had given me normally the advantage of easy vision over the heads of the crew, as they "scissored" and I lost that by being lowered, having to get my view first on one side and then on the other. This tended to produce boat-oscillation, the very thing to prevent which my seat had been sunk!

If Mr. Massey is so short that he has to be perched on cushions, as I read, in order that he may see where he is going, up goes his centre of gravity, and one of the advantages of his size forthwith vanishes in this increased liability to roll the boat.

The precise saving in speed handicap which may be involved in the reducing of coxswain-weight I cannot estimate. Let me suppose, however, for the sake of argument, that by making up a crew of eight and a half men, instead of nine, we are going to save six lengths. Of what value is that if we choose for this purpose a cox who, by reason of short stature, cannot see adequately before him, or one selected simply for lack of weight and then trained on to be a cox in the hope that gouty mny spontaneously sprout within him?

Surely primary account should be made of the positive gifts which go to make a helmsman and crew-controller.

A man may be worth 6-lengths for his lack of dead-weight, but he may lose six lengths quite easily, even before Hammersmith—and none but an expert the wiser—if he has not the flair for tide- and channel-understanding, and the capacity to judge when, and when not, to pull his strings that way or that.

He should be the kind of man in whose experience and coolness a crew can wholly trust and to whom Stroke dare to leave the responsibility of advising on the kaleidoscopic panorama of the race, with its momentous decision to spurt here or hang on there, the man who will know, when it arrives, that here and now is the unique opportunity to crack the enemy with a double ten and steer into the favouring water ahead of him.

Whilst I think it was rash and ill-advised of a president once to offer to take a certain cup up to ten stone—a very flattering moment for him, of course—I do think that mere weight is discredited as a decisive factor. On the other hand I do also think that the obsession may have a psychological effect on a crew.

For this reason, all against my will and belief, I did train down by seven pounds in 1912, but I was anything but completely fit for my job after it.

Anyhow, it was disheartening that that should be the year when we shipped 1½ tons of water between Putney and Hammersmith to render vain my sacrifice!

Mr. Massey may prove to have all the gifts, save inches, that the ideal cox should have. It is, at any rate, on the possession of some at least of these positive factors that the decision should turn.

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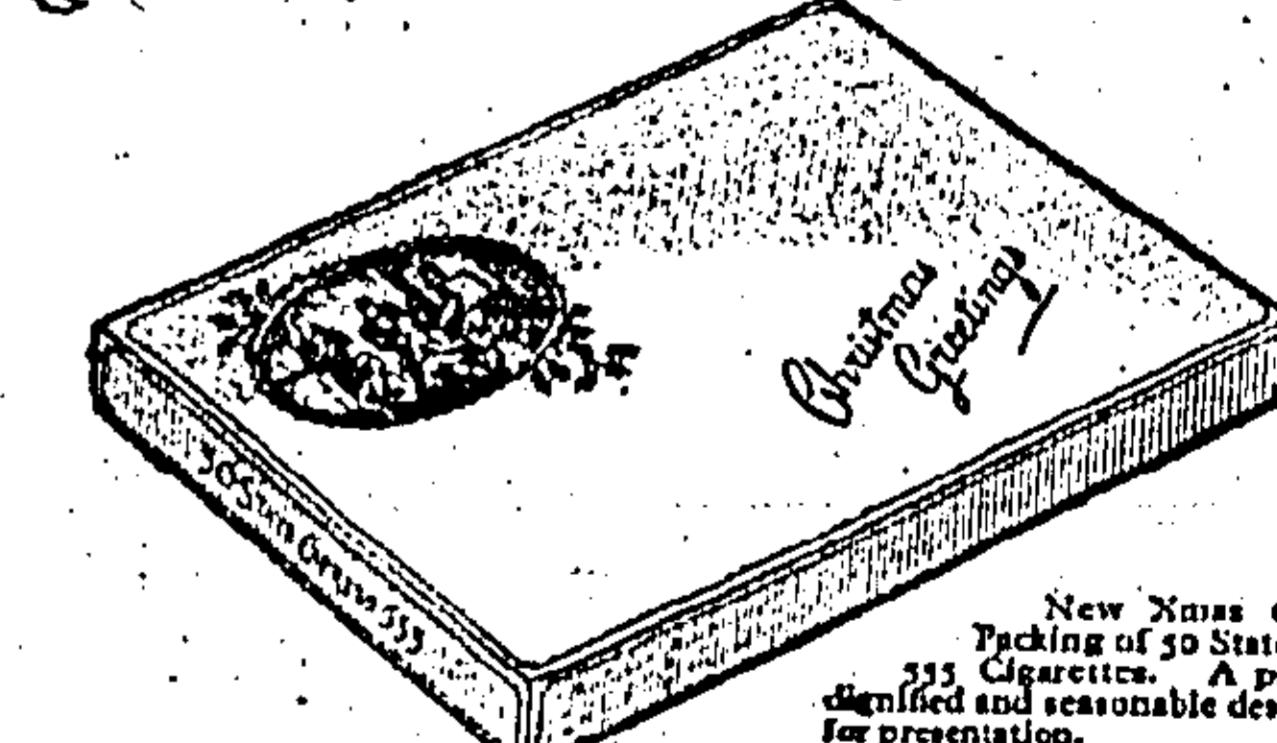
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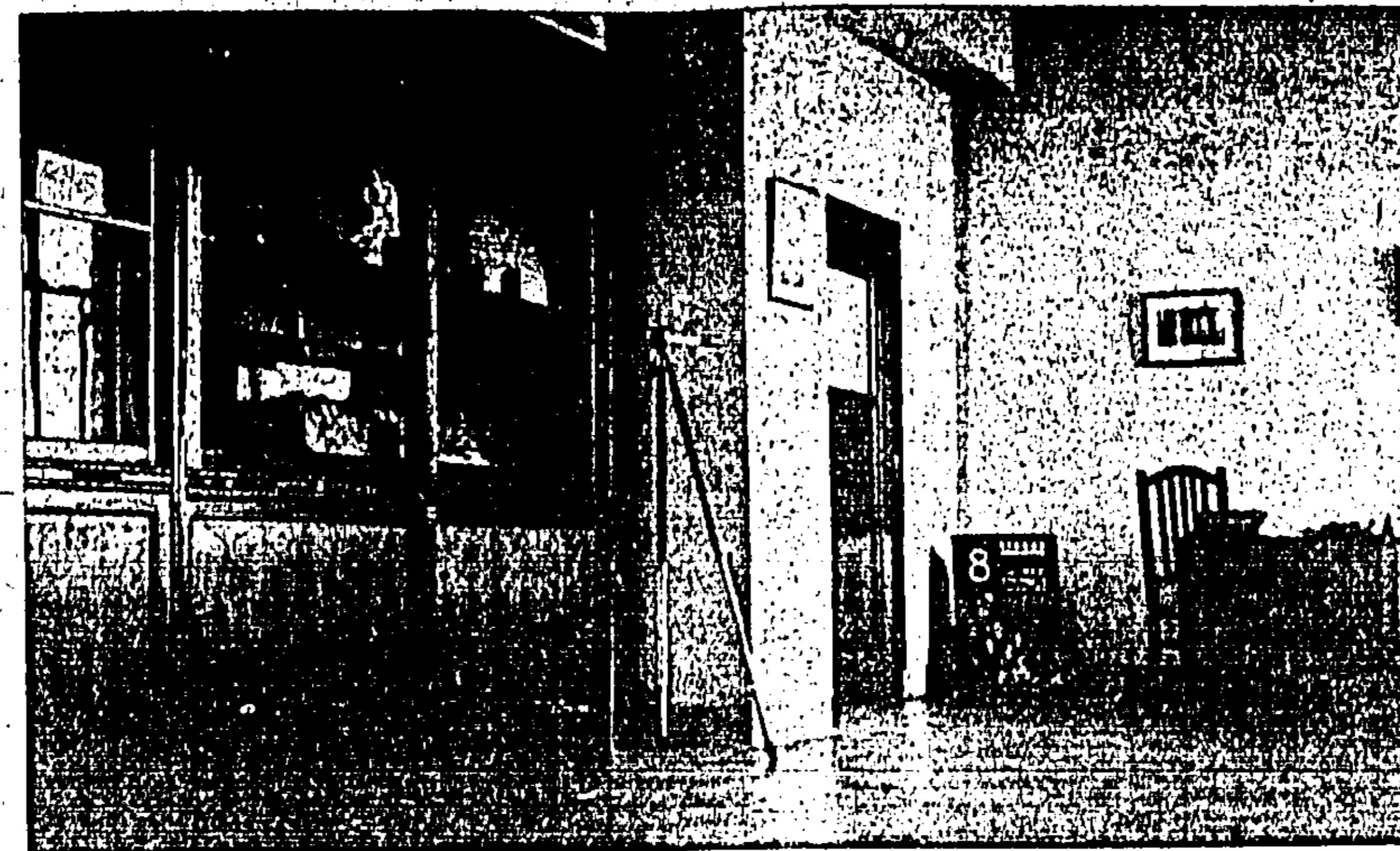
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By A Special Reporter

"Baron Emil Forst," ex-Secret Service man and £200-a-week Hollywood film scenario writer, broken by ill-health and war wounds, tired of trudging round London's West End with film scripts he could not sell or even give away, paid a penny to gas himself in a tiny top floor bedroom in Vauxhall Bridge Rd., S.W. one night this month.

And as I sat in my office writing his story my telephone rang and brought this news:

While Forst was losing his last hope a woman film executive from Hollywood was seeking him.

"She had a story to translate and she wanted Forst to do it," I was told. "Another man made a mess of the job. The executive said: 'If only we could find Forst he would make a grand job of this! But she could not find him. The money would have saved him."

Forst, appointed head of the foreign literature department of Universal City by Carl Laemmle Jun., came to Europe from Holly-

wood two years ago to find material for film stories.

SEALED ENVELOPE

He lost that job. He had to count his pennies. His last words before he locked himself in the bedroom to die were: "How long does a penny-worth of gas last?"

When the police were called to the bedroom, Forst, wrapped in an elderdown, his head on a pillow under the bed, had been dead for hours. Propped on the dressing table was a big envelope, several times sealed.

It contained his will, which was witnessed last month by a West

End film agent to whom he had offered his last hopeless script. His suitcase contained nothing but a big new Bible.

Forst was born in Vienna on May 7, 1897; said his real name was Baron Emil Forsterink. He claimed to have carried out secret diplomatic missions for Austria during the great war.

His mastery of languages—Australian, German, Italian, French and English—fitted him for the job of searching European capitals for Hollywood film stories. He was happy, on top of the world. But as an original story writer he was a failure. He was just a good translator and story finder.

PEACE AT LAST

Film actor Gibson Gowland, his friend for 15 years, told me last night: "I first met Forst—we always called him Captain Forst—in Hollywood. He was writing film stories, and doing translations of plays and novels. He often earned £200 a week and more freelancing.

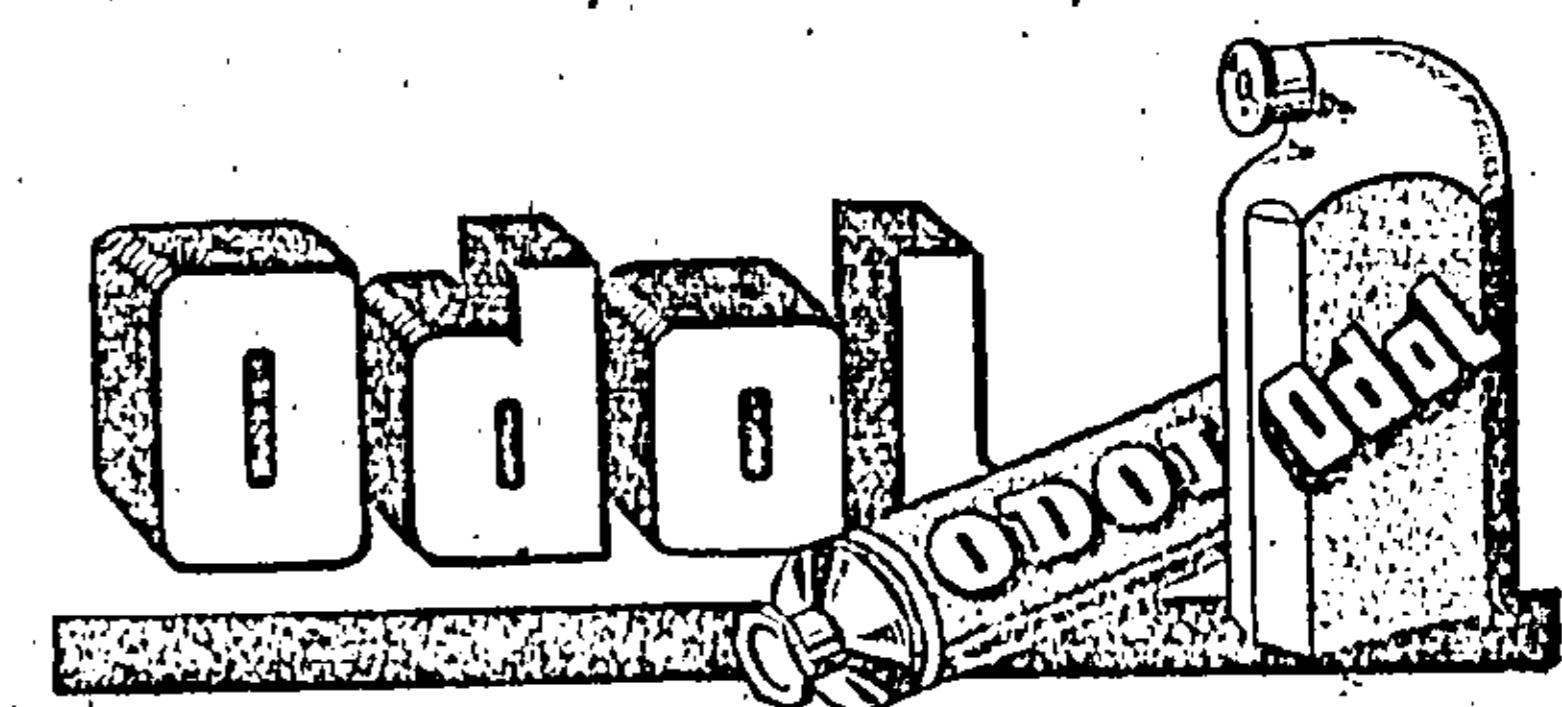
"He tried to write film stories in London; could not understand his failure to sell any. He could not earn a penny here. In Hollywood, you know, they buy stories they never use. Here they only buy the ones they want at the moment.

"The night before last he telephoned to me and he was very depressed. I tried to cheer him up, but he said: 'Well, I'll be gone before long and then you'll know that I'll be at peace at last.'



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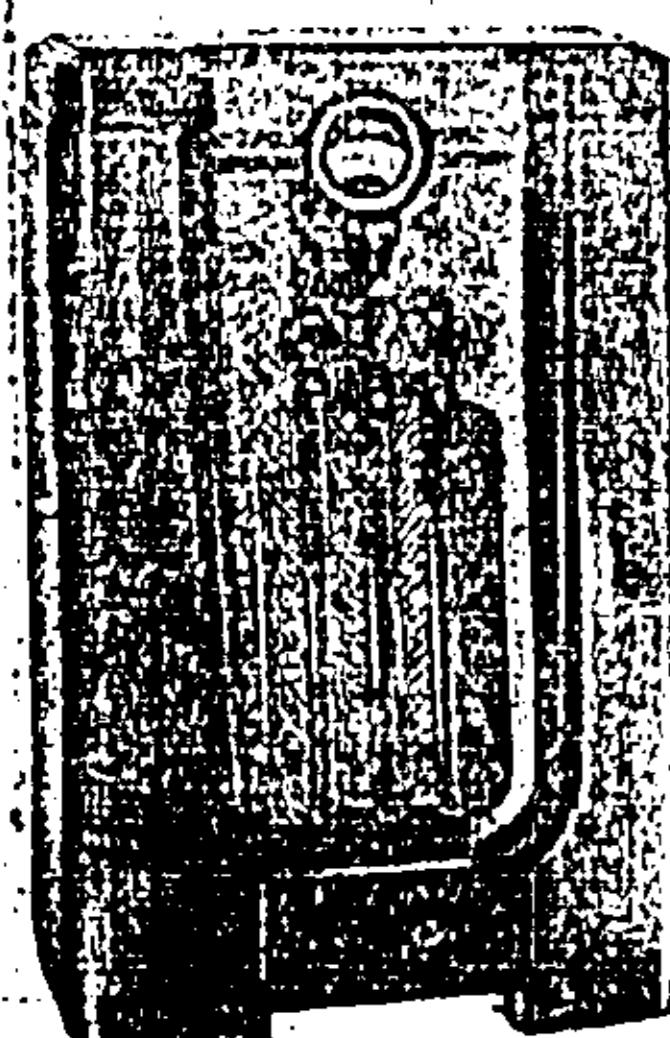
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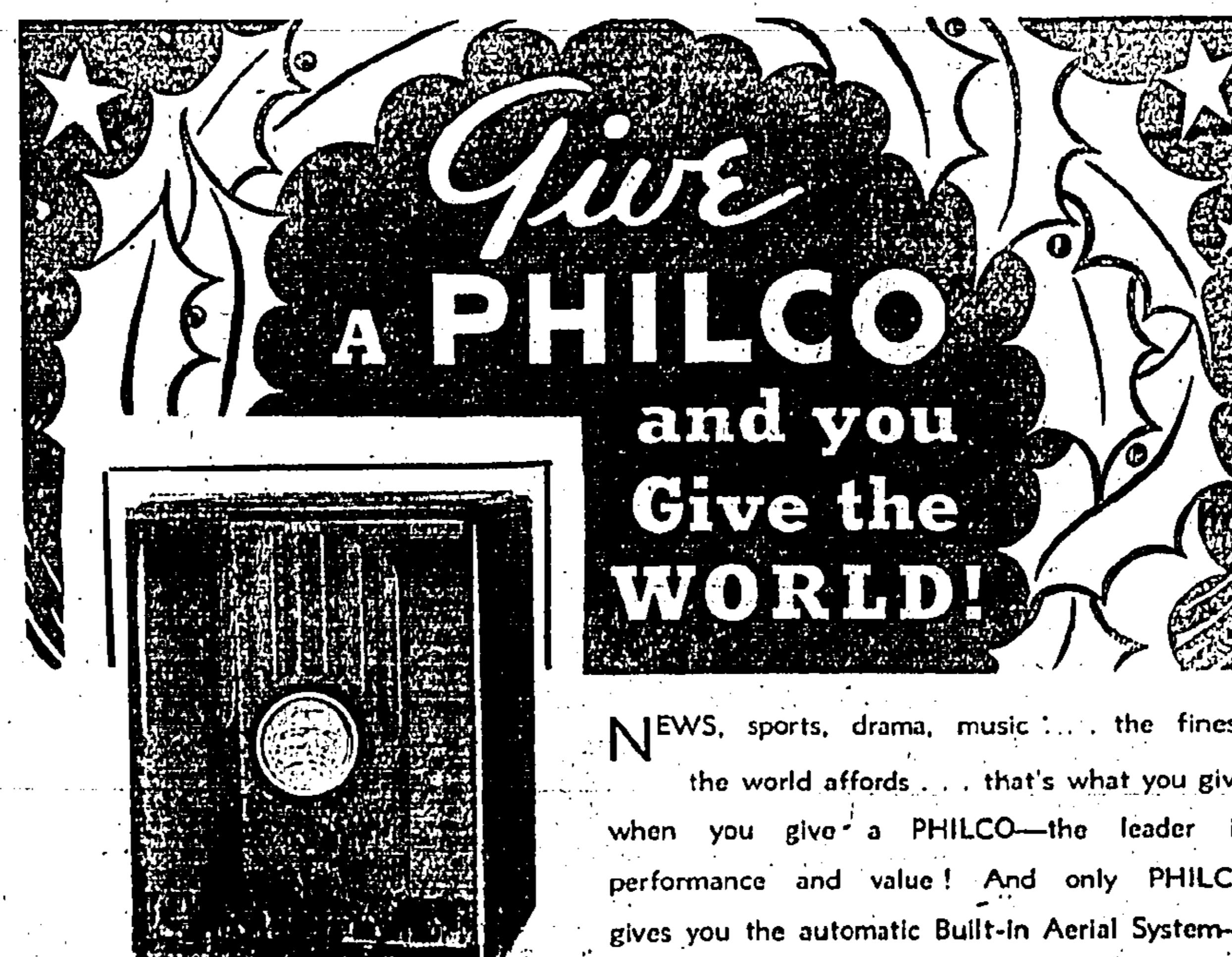
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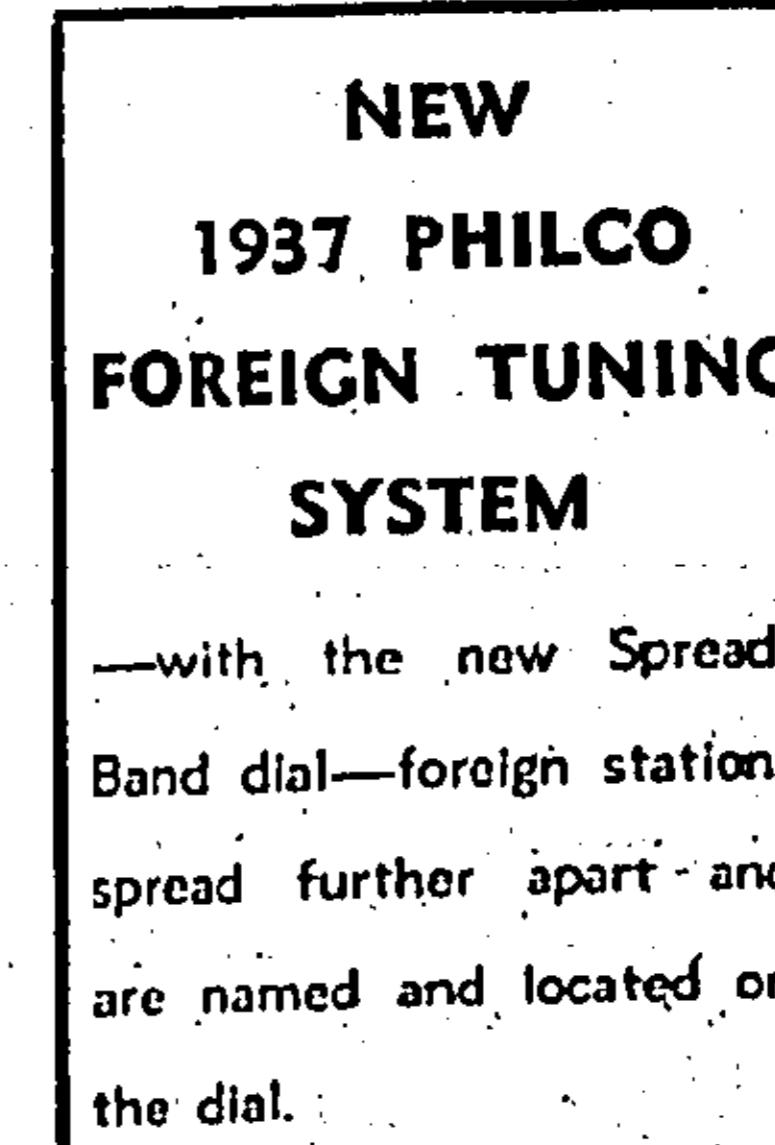
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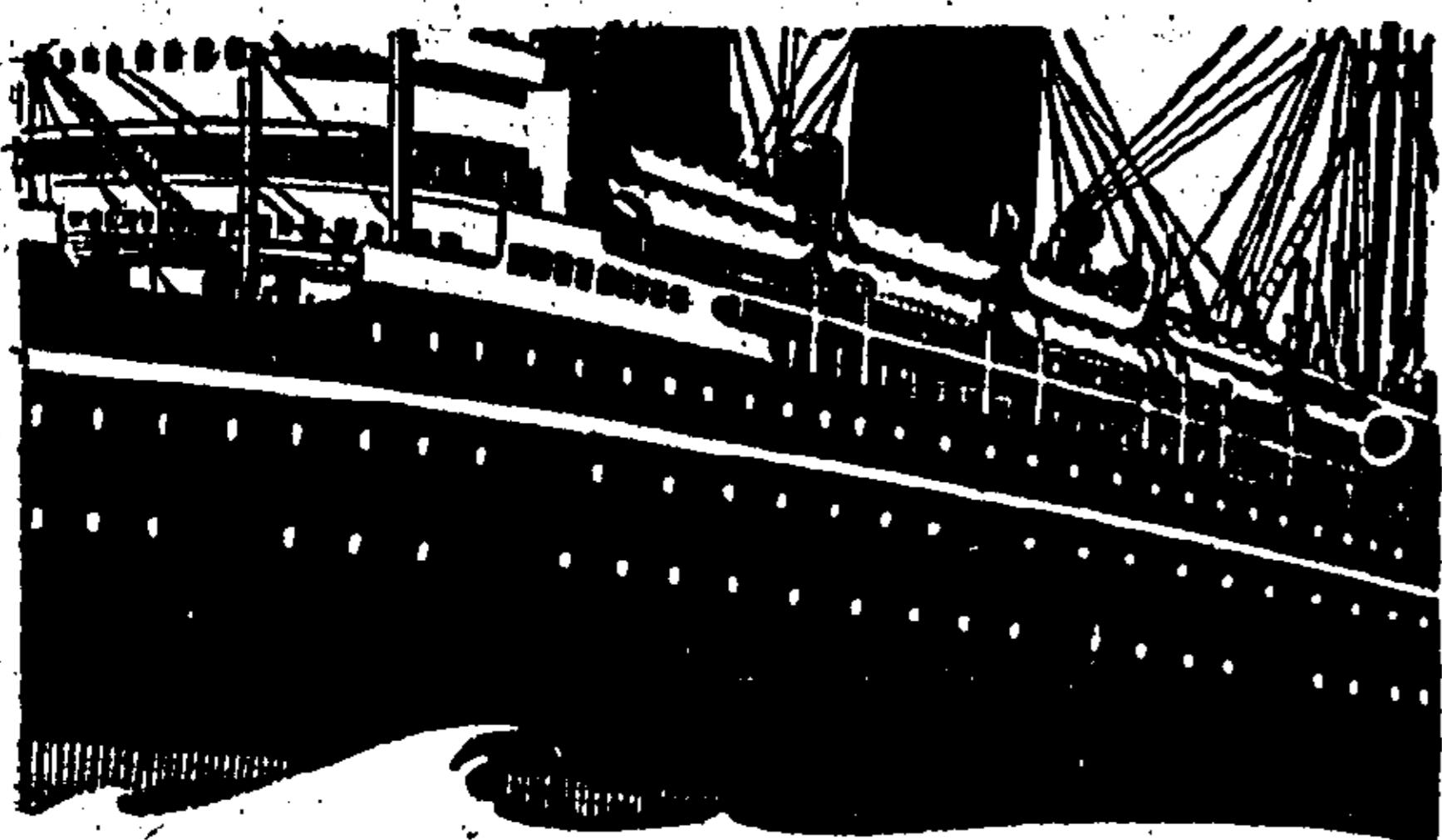
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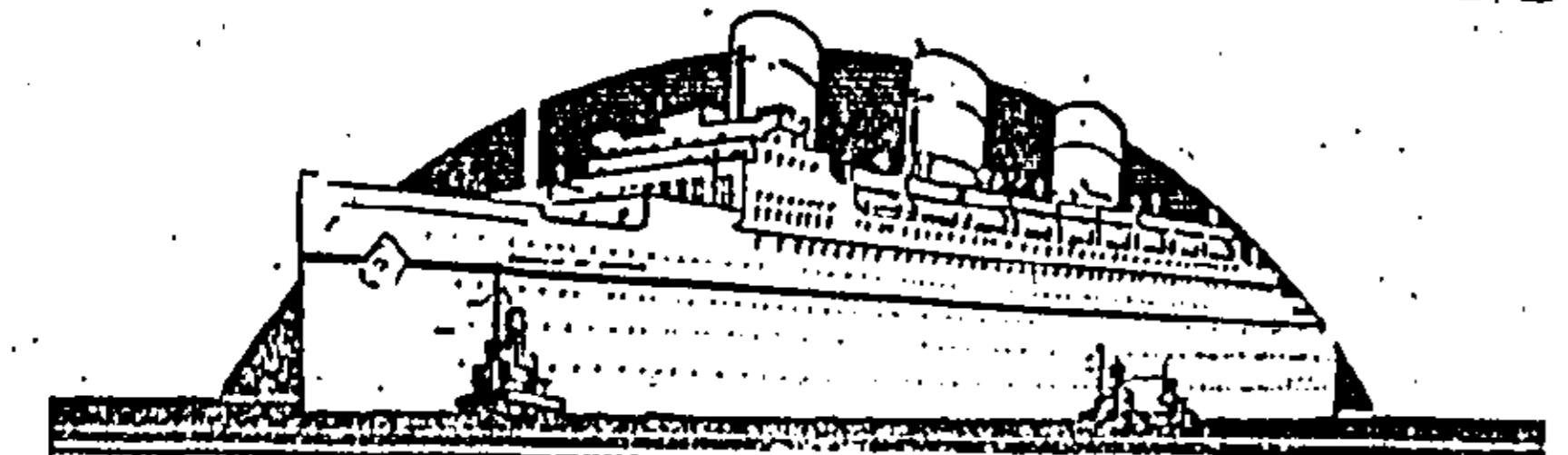
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The Strange Case Of Mrs. Lowick

London, Dec. 5.

One of the most remarkable cases in recent times is in progress before the Court of Appeal.

It arose out of an appeal of Mr. Philip Lazarus, a Manchester magistrate, and his son, Mr. Adolph Lazarus, calico printers, of Salford, against an award of £4,719 damages for malicious prosecution to Mrs. Frances J. Lowick, (21) of Rhos-on-Sea, North Wales.

Mrs. Lowick, then unmarried, and girl of excellent character, was formerly employed by Messrs. Lazarus in a clerical capacity. Money was missing by forgery on a large scale. Her employers brought police court action against her, but it was dismissed, and there was no evidence at all to what she had done with the money. It she had had it. The actual charge was in respect of a small sum of £170 only, but Sir Patrick Hastings (Counsel for the Lazaruses in the Court of Appeal) said cheques were involved totalling about £1,000.

Thereupon, the girl and her father, —she was then under age—brought the action for malicious prosecution against the firm who were undoubtedly held up to much local odium after publicity all over the British Isles.

The Firm appealed and when the Action was started this week in a Higher Court, Sir Patrick declaring the facts would prove a very grave misnaming of justice, said:— "Mrs. Lowick, formerly employed by Messrs. Lazarus, was awarded the damages at Manchester Assizes last July. She had been acquitted on a prosecution, in October, 1935, for forged about £170.

When Mrs. Lowick was prosecuted before the magistrate was the astounding thing was there was no evidence at all as to what had been done by her with the money if she had had it. Since the Action was tried the most amazing information has come into the possession of the defendants from a shop called Stella's Books show that, between April, 1935, and April, 1936, Mrs. Lowick bought £651 worth of clothes there."

"Between April, 26th, 1935, and October 11th, 1936, when she left her employment, she had paid £400 on account to Stella's."

"She always paid in £1 notes, within a day or two of the alleged forging of the cheques."

"Of the balance of the £650, £170 was paid off in May, 1936, after the prosecution and before the civil action, and a final payment of £51 was made by the young woman's father."

"There also came to the defendants' knowledge another most astounding fact."

"On December 4th, 1935, somebody went to John Percy & Co. pawnbrokers, with jewellery on which £20 was advanced."

"The person pledging the property gave the name of Beatrice Chartres, a young woman employed by Stella's."

Beatrice Chartres has been seen and says that no jewellery of hers was pledged at all, and she knows nothing about it."

"The pledge-notes have been inspected and an opinion has been given that they are in the handwriting of Mrs. Lowick."

"There could be no 'doubt,'" Sir Patrick added, "that if the evidence was right the plaintiff and her father are in grave peril from another aspect of the law, having regard to the evidence they swore at the trial."

"There were, he concluded, an enormous number of grounds for appeal."

Mr. E. C. Hemmerde, K.C. for Mrs. Lowick, said, "One of the main questions which arose was whether she forged the cheques or whether Mr. Adolph Lazarus signed them in the ordinary course of business and put the money into his own pocket."

The Jury found that the latter thing happened as shown by these questions left to them and their answers.

Their verdict, if it stood, must inevitably lead to the prosecution of Mr. Adolph Lazarus."

"Our case will be that these books that are supposed to convict Mrs. Lowick are forged and have been forged to meet a desperate situation."

"The plaintiff will deny that she ever had the things and will say that the people who are now coming forward to help are people who, within a week of the verdict, asked her to put £2,000 of her damages in to their business."

Mr. Hemmerde gave an undertaking that Mr. Lazarus should have every facility to examine the Stella books.

And there for the moment the case stands. Fresh evidence is to be called.

Big Game Freak

Nairobi, Dec. 1.

The skin of what is believed to be a new species of wild animal, shot in the Mau Forest by a white settler, is now being exhibited at the Nairobi Natural History Museum.

The animal resembles a huge lynx, but its colour, markings and the shape of the skull are different.

Natives believe it to be a Nandi bear, an almost legendary animal, reported to have been seen at intervals during the last 20 years, but never identified.

The skin and skull are to be sent to the British Museum.

8 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



Mother, I think I'll get daddy a T — I — E for Christmas.

American Critic of "£40,000,000 Coronation"

From A Correspondent

New York, Dec. 10.

"I have been reliably informed that the Coronation is going to cost the British £40,000,000.

"Let them pay that in interest on their debt to the United States, and go about their King-crowning in a simple way."

So said Representative Raymond J. Cannon (Democrat, Wisconsin) explaining to me why he is to introduce a resolution into the coming Congress calling upon the United States Government to boycott the Coronation ceremony.

OVER THE PHONE

Speaking on the telephone from Milwaukee, Mr. Cannon insisted that the Coronation would cost the sum he mentioned.

There was a little give-and-take over the phone, as follows:

Myself: "Supposing the British wanted to pay that amount on the debt, how would you accept the money—in gold or goods?"

Mr. Cannon: "I'd take it in any way that would relieve the American taxpayers."

Myself: "If you took it in goods, that might injure American workers who are now producing the same goods."

Mr. Cannon: "I don't know anything about that. What I insist is—have they made an offer? If they make an offer, let the State Department settle how to accept payment."

The resolution which Mr. Cannon is to move includes this: "A debtor has no right to waste huge sums of

SHEPHERD MUST NEVER AGAIN OWN A DOG

Gloucester, Dec. 10.

Ernest Grubb, a 52-year-old shepherd, of Kemble, Gloucestershire, will never keep a dog again.

This penalty was imposed on him here to-day, when he was summoned for cruelty to his dog, which afterwards died. He was also fined £1.

In Grubb's defence it was said that he killed the dog whilst he was in an epileptic fit.

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To-Day in the Past



The barracks after the bombardment. They were empty at the time.

By Coastguardsman JAMES WALSH

(who was on duty at the Admiralty Signal Station at Scarborough Castle during the bombardment).

Dawn was spreading over the North Sea.

I had watched it for the past twenty minutes splitting up the darkness of the long and dreary night.

Never before had my vigil from the look-out station that topped a promontory overlooking Scarborough Bay dragged on so interminably.

A Strange Vessel

I glanced at my watch. It showed 7.50. Thank goodness I had only ten minutes' more duty. My relief, Bob Barnes, would already be climbing the steep hill that wound up from the town of Scarborough to the summit of the cliff.

I stretched my limbs and walked to the door.

A sickly chilliness enveloped me as I stepped out and went outside on to the strip of grass that lay between the hut and cliff edge.

A heavy haze hung over the sea. Wisps of it drifted across the cliffs.

The turf was saturated. It gave beneath my tread. It glistened my boots to the sheen of patent leather.

The White Ensign sagged sadly on

its mast above the hut. An uncomfortable, icy, penetrating mist, characteristic of November and December on the Yorkshire coast. "Froathough" they call it.

Below I could only just make out the sea. Grey and grim. I could hear it slurring monotonously over the silvery foreside.

A few minutes later the mist began to lift.

Suddenly to the north I could dimly discern an approaching vessel, just blurred shape such as one would see through a badly focused telescope. It was travelling inside the swept channel that ran down practically the whole length of the East Coast and extended three miles out to sea, and which was used by all merchant shipping as a safeguard against mines.

Probably one of the Carron Line vessels that were constantly passing along the channel with mails and merchandise on their way to and from Leith and London. I took a second look.

I hardly know what prompted my next action. Perhaps it was a slight unfamiliarity about the design of the boat.

Maybe it was because the guard at Scarborough Castle that lay barely three hundred yards immediately behind the signal station had the night before unexpectedly been doubled.

At any rate, I re-entered the hut and rang up Whitby signal station—the next round the coast northwards.

I inquired if any vessel of the description of the approaching one had passed their station earlier. None had.

My suspicions were now definitely aroused.

The suspect was drawing nearer. She was travelling at a great rate.

Her speed was churning the water almost up to her forecastle.

I called to my companions. They were Harry Holding, next in rank to myself, and a police constable, Harry Hunter.

It was usual during war time for the local police force to supplement the personnel at the Admiralty signal stations dotted round the coast with constables—mainly as a safeguard against espionage.

There's a strange ship over there," I said. "And as sure as my name's Jimmie Walsh she's a German."

Even as I spoke I saw two more vessels loom out of the haze at her port side.

I shouted to Hunter to call out the men and officers of the military guard, who had their billets in cottages adjacent to the Castle.

I told Holding to warn the coastguard, who had their quarters lower down the cliff.

Now I could clearly see that the leading vessel was a warship. A two funnelled one. An enemy cruiser.

The guns to port side were now being trained on to the town. A great shudder passed through me.

Scarborough was not an early rising town. In a moment its sleeping inhabitants would be roused to an unbearable agony. I waited in a fearful suspense. I was helpless.

Thirty seconds later there was a flash and an explosion and a salvo was hung into the midst of the thickly populated streets below me.

Again and again were those lightning flashes followed by explosions that shattered the air and terminated in crashes that seemed to reverberate against the cliffside a thousand times.

The message was never finished.

There was a brilliant flash. A sonorous roar. A shell tore over the hut, taking with it the telephone wires. It burst in the strip of headland between the rear of the hut and the Castle.

The earth trembled.

At the same moment my relief, Bob Barnes, white and breathless, dashed into the hut.

"My God, the papers, quick," he gasped. "This is going to be a blinding."

I gathered up all the confidential books and documents, and flew to an old disused well at the back of the hut. Bob Barnes followed with a can of paraffin.

Now a second terrible resonant roar cut at the sea, the whine of a shell, and the hut we had just vacated was no more.

Nothing but a wooden platform that had formed the floor, and a tangled heap of smoking rubbish.

With feverish haste Barnes tore off the cap of the paraffin can and poured its contents on to the books and papers that I had laid in a heap on the grass.

Another shell. We saw a great cloud of dust rise from a row of empty barracks adjacent to the Castle. A long, gaping fissure shot from roof to floor of its brickwork front.

With trembling fingers Barnes struck a match, and as the flames devoured the little pile I pushed the shoulder mass into the well.

Now there was a veritable fusillade of shells. One after another they roared and whistled over our heads and detonated with fearful explosions all around us.

We lay flat on our stomachs in the grass. At any moment we expected

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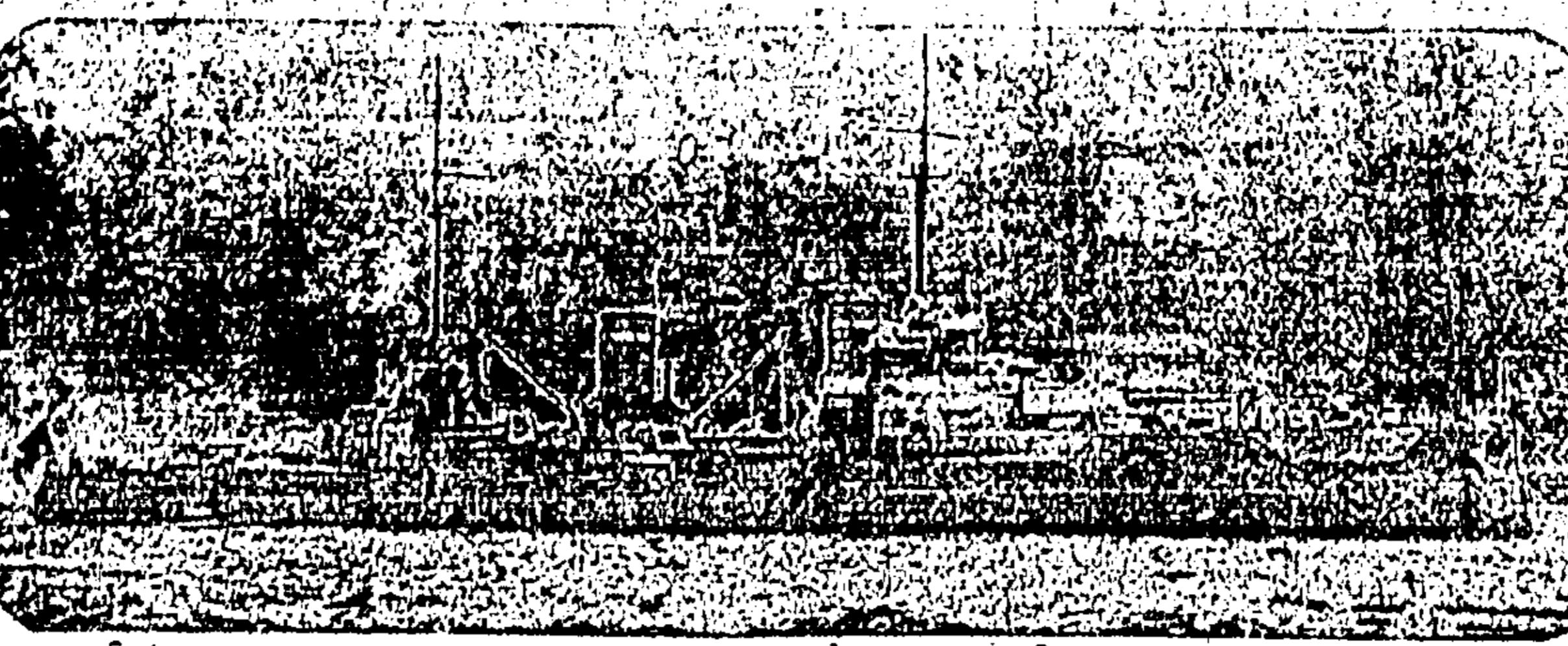
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Hongkong, 11th December, 1936.



The German battle-cruiser Von der Tann, which took part in the raid.

The Bombardment of Scarborough

THE bombardment of Scarborough and Hartlepool by a German naval force brought home to the British people, perhaps more than anything else, the real meaning of the war.

On December 16, 1914, six German warships crept up to within a few miles of the British coast and rained shells on the two towns. During the raid they killed 137 inhabitants, injured 592 and did great damage to property.

council chamber. Another hit the authorities to see over the town under lighthouse at the harbour entrance, the guidance of a local historian, badly damaging it.

The hospital was hit, although, fortunately, no one was injured.

At St. Martin's Church on South Cliff morning Mass was being held when the bombardment started.

A shell hit the tower. Naturally the congregation showed some concern, but after a few reassuring words from the officiating archdeacon the service was resumed.

Private houses and their occupants in widely scattered areas suffered tremendous damage.

In Wykeham-street there is a house that has since always been known as "The House of Tragedy." A young soldier home on leave was trying to calm his terrified mother as shells flew over the house, when one penetrated the wall and exploded in the room where they were. It killed her, the soldier, and two young boys, one aged nine, the other five.

I well remember another tragic episode of the bombardment. A postman, Alfred Beal by name, was delivering the morning letters at houses on South Cliff, one of the better-class roads of Scarborough, when the shells started firing.

He pluckily continued on his rounds. He reached a house known as "Dunroffe" and rang the bell. He had a birthday present for the maid-servant. She answered the door.

Even as he handed her the package a shell burst within a few feet of them. They were both blown to pieces.

In all 200 properties were hit by 489 shells fired; eighteen people were killed and eighty-four injured.

Many times since the bombardment I have thought it a significant fact that some eighteen months before war a congress of German medical men was held at Scarborough, and that during its stay one doctor made a polite request to the civic

Permissible

What they did not know was that the barracks had not been occupied since the beginning of the war and that the military authorities had not deemed it necessary to take defensive precautions beyond a twelve-strong guard to fortify the castle, since Scarborough had both a castle and barracks on its headland.

The deliberate and confident way

they steamed to a point opposite these two edifices and took aim was ample manifestation.

Hotel Target

Special trains were put on; many people arrived at places so far inland as Malton and York in dressing-gowns and bedrocks, slippers.

Others drove to friends who had houses inland in every kind of conveyance—motor-cars, traps.

Many bicycled out of the town with a few personal belongings hurriedly placed in a knapsack slung over the handlebars.

The damage to houses and public buildings in the streets was considerable. The two top floors of the Grand Hotel were shattered their entire length and breadth. The hotel had made a first-class target and stands high up on the cliffs in the very centre of the bay.

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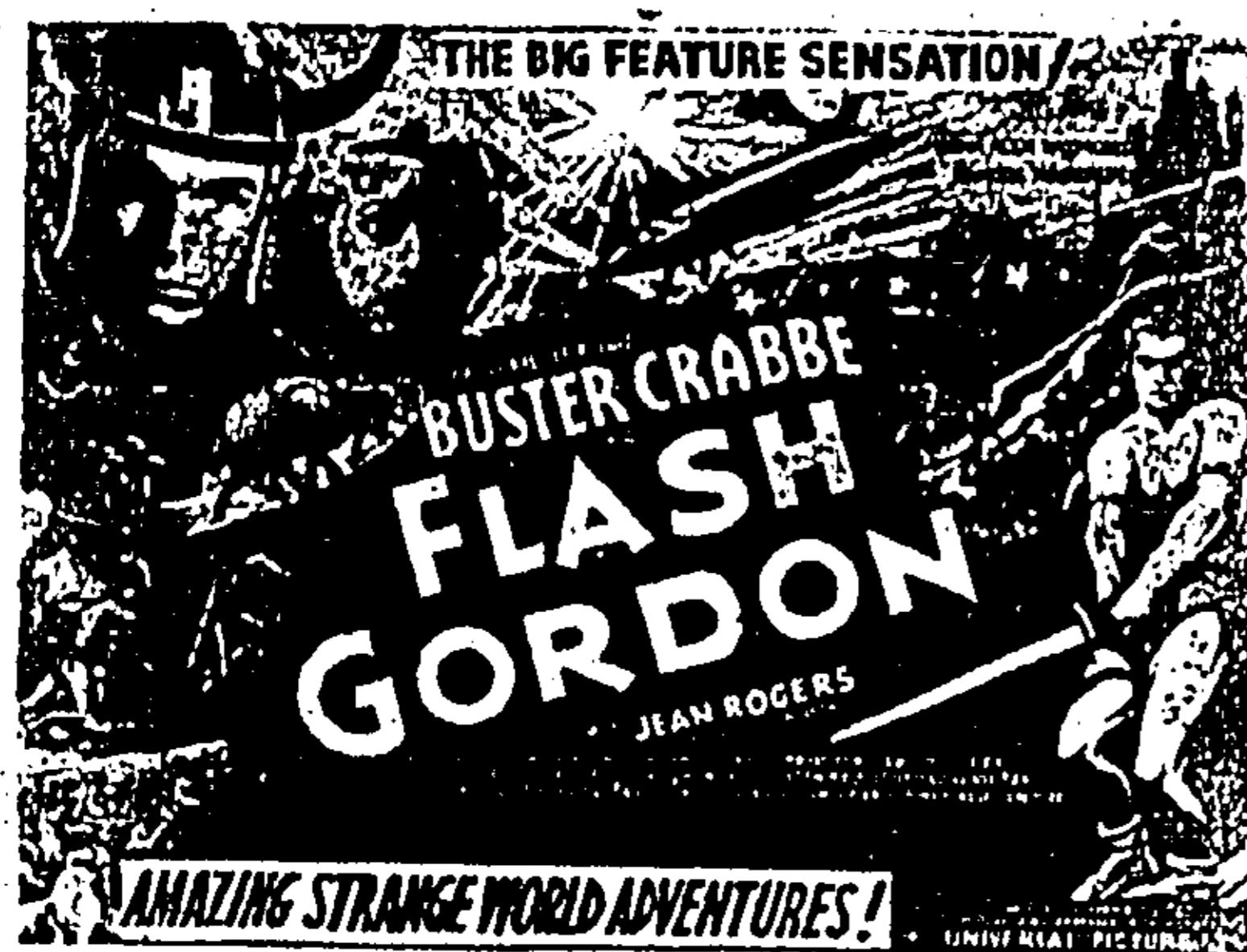
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It is anticipated that Mr. Jacobs will work closely with the Resident Commissioner and the Bureau of Insular Affairs.—United Press.

KING TO KEEP STABLE

London, Dec. 15. His Majesty the King will continue to maintain a racing establishment on the same lines as his father, and he will similarly keep up, as far as possible, Balmoral and Sandringham.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

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BANK OF ENGLAND'S TACTICAL MOVE CITY CIRCLES CONFUSED

London, Dec. 15. The City has been confounded by the Bank of England's large gold purchases, suddenly executed, amounting to £65,000,000, from the Equalisation Fund. And financial circles have been startled by the simultaneous reduction of the fiduciary note issue by £20,000,000.

From a host of diverse opinions emerges the majority view that the action indicates the British authorities' belief that such pressure on sterling as may be experienced by the withdrawal of French funds and the possible resumption of the outflow of capital to Wall Street, could be counteracted by the Equalisation Fund's remaining vast gold holdings.

It is pointed out that it is a time when the underlying trend of sterling is firm and the most opportune for re-establishing the Fund's freedom of action, as after disposing of some of its gold holdings the Fund is better equipped to arrest the undesirable appreciation of sterling.

Questioned in this connection in the House of Commons, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, simply stated it had been decided to increase temporarily the gold held in the issue department of the Bank of England by £65,000,000. Such a step, by itself, would mean a very sharp expansion of the credit basis which was at present unjustified, he said. Therefore, the fiduciary issue had been reduced by £60,000,000.—Reuter.

BRITISH LOAN POLICY

London, Dec. 15. His Majesty's Government has constantly in mind the desirability of securing removal of restrictions on foreign trade and of restrictions upon the movements of capital which interfere with foreign trade, declared the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons to-day.

He added figures of the United Kingdom imports showed there were fewer restrictions on trade with this country than elsewhere.

Answering a supplementary question suggesting that terms of reference of foreign transactions of the Advisory Committee recently set up to give guidance on foreign lending should be made flexible, Mr. Chamberlain said he thought the terms were very flexible. The embargo on lending to foreign countries did not apply where loans had a direct influence on increasing British Export Trade, he said.—British Wireless.

AMERICAN PEACE PARLEY

DRAFT CONVENTION SIGNED

EIGHT POINTS ANNOUNCED

Buenos Aires, Dec. 15. Delegates of the American republics to-day signed the final draft of their co-ordinated neutrality project, and prepared for its presentation to the plenary session of the Peace Conference, probably on Friday or Saturday.

Argentina signed with reservations, retaining the right to extend credit and feed belligerents civilians. Colombia made a reservation regarding the definition of an aggressor.

The others drafted a:

1. Renunciation of obligations under present American treaties;
2. Provision for consultation;
3. Provision, in the event of signatures being convinced of the threat of war, that Articles 1 and 2 shall apply;
4. Provision for disputes to seek settlement under treaties;
5. In war signatures shall be governed by treaties;
6. Reaffirmation of the policy of neutrality in the event of hostilities preventing the export of arms;
7. Provision that the convention should not affect the rights and duties of members of the League of Nations.

8. The convention to remain in force indefinitely, renunciation becoming effective a year after denunciation.—United Press.

Gangster and "Moll" Fight Police Army

London, Dec. 15. His Majesty the King will continue to maintain a racing establishment on the same lines as his father, and he will similarly keep up, as far as possible, Balmoral and Sandringham.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

Over 100 shots were fired and eventually the gangster and his woman companion were wounded and finally arrested.—Reuter Special.

RUBBER OUTPUT TO RISE

RESTRICTIONS ARE MUCH REDUCED CONSUMPTION IS STRONG

London, Dec. 15. The International Rubber Restriction Committee's announcement of a 75 per cent quota for the first quarter of 1937 and an 80 per cent quota for the following three months, has been accorded about the quietest reception ever experienced in the London rubber market, where prices subsequently eased slightly and then steadied up.

It is generally considered that what strength the market gained on the 75 per cent January-March roundabout, it about lost on the 80 per cent April-June swings. Consequently, it is difficult to take up any particular view on the future course of the market, which is expected to remain steady for some little time.

Though the decision of the control committee releases about 30,000 tons in the first quarter and 65,000 in the second quarter more than at present, it is generally held that consumption is running so well, especially in the United States, that it is unlikely to be overtaken by production.

Nevertheless, the decision probably means the appearance of complications while spot commodity is so tightly held.—Reuter.

QUEEN IMPROVING IN HEALTH

London, Dec. 15. It is officially stated that the influenza from which the Queen is suffering is taking its usual course. Her Majesty is making good progress towards recovery.

According to present arrangements the King and Queen and the young Princesses will go next week to Sandringham, where Queen Mary, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and other members of the Royal Family will join them for Christmas. It is understood to be His Majesty's intention that, as far as possible, Balmoral and Sandringham shall be kept up in the same way as during his father's reign.

The King will maintain the royal racing establishment and breeding stud of his father's time.—British Wireless.

CONSIDER PORT FOR TELAVIV

London, Dec. 15. Asked whether the Government proposed to take steps to provide a harbour for Tel Aviv, in Palestine, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, told the House of Commons to-day that the question was being considered by the Government in consultation with the High Commissioner of Palestine.

At present, he said, he was unable to make a statement.—Reuter.

H.M.S. Bruce left this morning on her way home for refit and re-commission.

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